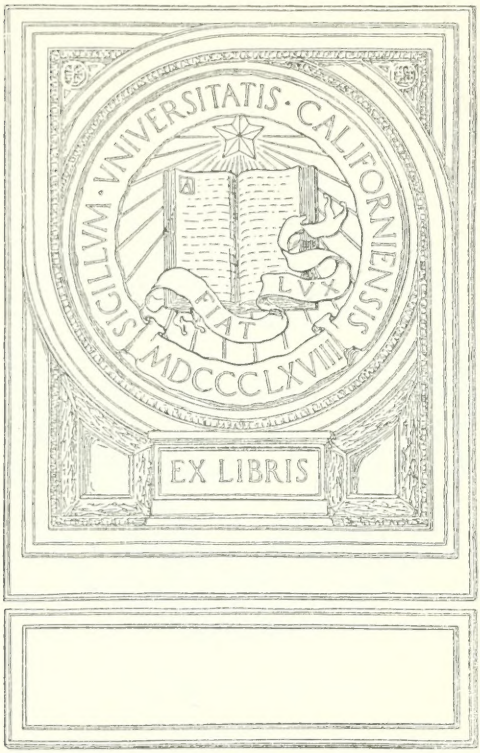

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PREFACE

THE present volume presents to students a considerable portion of the documents in existence relating to the Penobscot Expedition, which, in its day, loomed into an importance to those affected by it almost equal to that sent in the reign of Elizabeth against the western coast of England, known in history as the Spanish Armada. As the story is unfolded of the brave efforts of a people in their extreme poverty to equip and maintain, to them, a great Armada to expel an invading foe from their borders, and to protect them from conquest, it must deeply engage the interest and sympathy of all who read it. I regret that space does not permit me to carry the story to its culmination in the following pages, and that it will have to be continued in a succeeding volume.

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STATE OF MAINE

To the Honble The Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay. Tho. Child having been appointed Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth in said State thinks it his duty humbly to lay before your Honors the following Queries respecting the duties of said Office, that your Honors may give him such directions therein as in your Wisdom you shall think proper.

1st Is it not required that all Boats and Lighters from ten tons and upwards shall have Registers, some Masters of such Boats and Lighters having neglected to procure them.

2 Is it proper that Vessels usually employed in freighting goods from one part of the State to another should go with a general Clearance by the year as Vessels employ'd in fishing and carrying Wood and Lumber, as some Masters Insist upon —

3 Should a Naval Officer make a Seizure and upon tryal there should be no Condemnation does he lay lyable to an Action for damages or is he liable to pay Costs, if he is how is he to be secured —

4 If a Vessel is found in the breach of the Naval Office Act, and the Officer makes Seizure thereof what Assistance is he to have in order to secure said seizure — Would it not tend to regularity in the business to require that all Vessels bound for any Port not within this State should previous to taking on board give Bond and take a permit for Loading —

6 As the Income of the Office is very small and it cannot be expected that any person appointed to said Office should give a continual attendance from morning to evening, is it not reasonable that hours for attendance be fixed —

7 Would it not be expedient that all Vessels arriving from any Port not within this State, should at Entry lodge their Registers in the Office which may prevent their going away without Clearing —

8 If a Master of a Vessel on his Arrival from a Neighboring State refuses to Enter, and Lands and conveys away the Cargo in a private manner, how is he to be proceeded with —

9 Also if he Enters and refuses to pay the Legal fee what is the Officer to do, or if he Clears for part of this State, when he intends for another which some will do to save expence

These things your Memorialist humbly Submits to your Honors Consideration and begs leave to subscribe himself, with all due respect

Your Honors Most Obedient and Very Humble Servant

Tho. Child

State of the Mass^a Bay

To the Honorable the Council and the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled April 1778.—

The Memorial of Ziphion Thayer, in behalf of himself and his Brother Ebenezer Thayer, in answer to the Report of the Board of War upon the Schooner Two Brothers, her Cargoe &c Humbly Shews

That the said Ebenezer Thayer, in sending the said Vessell with her cargoe, into this State, has strictly complied with the spirit of the permission obtained from this Honble Court for that purpose, which your Memorialist could have made fully to appear, if the Board of War had given him the

privilege of a hearing before they made said Report, as they frequently promised to do.— That the dark hints inuendoes, and other circumstances mentioned in said Report as the foundation of the same, were such as necessarily arose out of the nature of the Case, it being impossible to answer the valuable purposes designed by imposing upon the Enemy, and at the same time let them know we were attempting to deceive them, which the Board of War in their said Report seem to suppose we ought to have done, or deserve the appellation of Unfair Dealers — That the Guard indirectly prayed for in said Report seems rather to arise out of a distrust of the Civil authority than from any crime in your Memorialist and he humbly presumes / as the proceedings of the Sheriff were not as his Suit / that he need not use any arguments to induce your Honors not to put the Civil authority under Military Controul — That the said Schooner's coming voluntarily into this State notwithstanding the suggestions of an inimical disposition in the Master, must serve as a key to the whole proceedings and place the Conduct of all concerned in a perfectly unambiguous point of Light.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays your Honors that he may be heard before a Committee of this Honble Court upon the premisses, and if he cannot convince them that his said Brother has not deviated from the spirit of your Honors aforesaid permission, He, in that case humbly prays, that the Schooner her Cargoe &c may, by a special Order, be tried in the middle district of this State upon the Libel of John Dixey, who has filed the same before the Judge of the Maratime Court for said District / the said Schooner being now within the Jurisdiction of said Court/ as it will prevent the risque if said Vessell and Cargoe is to be removed to the Eastern district for trial, as well as the great trouble expence and delay which must unavoidably

attend the trial upon the Libel of George Deake before the Judge of the Maratime Court for said Eastern district. Your Memorialist begs leave further to say that he is the more earnest to have this matter examined into by a Committee of this Honble Court, as this mode of proceeding may prevent the distress and perhaps the ruin of his said Brother /who now is in Novascotia collecting the remainder of his Effects and Settling his Affairs in order for a removal to this State / which may be the Consequence of a public Examination in a Court of Law,— And your Memorialist as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Ziphion Thayer

To the Honorable the Council & the Honorable House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston in the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of the Severell Committees of the Plantations and places Called Mispecky, Plesent River, Narraquagus, and Number four, in behalf of themselves & Constituants Humbley Shew,—

That Whereas the Season of the year is Fast Aproaching, Wherein We may Reasonabley Expect our Coasts Infested with British Ship, and Sloops of War, fully Possese^d^ with all the Quallifications of an Invettered Enemy, We think it our Duty, According, & Agreeable to Our Connections in Publick Matters to Represent to your Honnors, the Destress^d^ Scituation, of the Inhabitants belonging to the Said places, Both from What they at present feel, and What the fear through the Course of the Proceeding Summer, and what has in a great measure — ugmented our Defficualty, being under an absollute Necessity of Doing Duty at Machias, in Defence of our Liberteys, the Last Season, which has prevented us from having the Advantage, of what Little im-

provments we were Posses[d] of, and has Reduc[d] us to Such a State that many Famellies, has not the Least Subsistance, but What they Obtain, by their Industrey, in Hunting the Wilderness, and Not able to procure Amunition or Arms for that purpose, these and the Like Circumstances, Must be truly Affecting to a people zeallously attached to the intrest and Cause, in Which we have Taken a part. We Do Not mean to Exigarate but Beg your Honours attention a few minutes and you Will Doubtless Easely perceive what a Sorrey Stand or Defence may be Expected from a Set of People Drove Nearly to a State of Desperation and Dispair, Against an Enemy, Posses[d] of all the art of Flatterey and Means to insinuate; in Consequience of these Reasons, and many Others that might be aded We Humbley pray your Honours will take Our Deplorable Case under your Searous and Wise Consideration, and grant us Such a Suply of Provision amunition and arms in Such Quantity in that way your Honnors may think best — We Do not mean to Perscrib Rules for your Honnors, But in as much as this Countrey Abounds and is Capable of producing all kinds of Lumber this state may Stand in Need of, we Humbley Conceive it would be no more than a peace of Common Indulgence if we might have the Priviledge of Loading some of the State Vesells with Lumber, at Least Such a Number as would Enable us to Discharge, any Publick Debts we may be under the Necessity to Contract with your Honnors — We Humbley aprehend that many Persons have had the Priveledge, of Loading Vesells for the Publick who is under no kind of Necessity/ Further than to Advance their intrests/ of Provision Clothing Amunition or Arms — We are Very Certain provided your Honnors would indulge us, in Sending Some Vesels amongst us on proper Notice we Can Suply them with any kind of Lumber Marsh &c & your Honnors may Stand in Need of, and give them the utmost Dispatch.—With

Regard to the Risque of the Enemy in Coming hear and Laying in Our Harbours, we Can only Observe and asure your Honnors that whilst any Such State Vesels were Loading and in our Harbours we would Defend & protect Such at the Risque of our Lives

We Beg leave Further to Observe that provided your Honnors may think Best to make a frontier of Machias, we Cannot think it will answer any End to Depend on the Millitia for the protection of that place the Scattered Scituation, and Remote Distance of the Inhabitants — their Povertey; Nothing to Carry with them on their March and as Little to Leave with their Famelleys and add to that what they have Alridey Suffered in being Carry[d] there the Last year; Some at the Distance of a Hundred and twenty or thirty miles, in the worst of Treaveling/ makes it impracticable: under their present circumstance: and will be But a Slender Dependence as monthly pay is So Very inconsiderable toward the Mintainance of a familly — Notwithstanding we Beg Leave Ernestly to Recommend to your Honnors, that Machias may be Defended Not bearly on the accounts of it being an Object of the British Resentment but being the Easterly frontier of this State and at present the place of Randovouse for the Indeans; makes it Absollutly Necessary it Should be Defended if not it Will be Extreemly uncertain what the Consequence may be, or where a Stand Can be made with so much advantage, and So much to the Sattisfaction of the Indeans — thus your Petitioners have Endeavoured to Lay before your Honnors the True State of matters in these Severel places, and with the utmost Reluctance our Wants and Neccessitys: which admitts of no Alternitive only from the Favourable Reception of your Honnors may please to give it: And Rests assured that your Honnours under a Due Consideration of the whole Matter will in your Wisdom form Such Plans, and make Such grants, for the Releaf and Suply

of our Destress[d] Inhabitants as will Terminate to the advantage and Benefit of the people, and prosperity of the Stat in general and Your Petitionors as in Duty Bound &c

For further Perticulers we Beg Leave to Refer your Honnors to Cap[t] Joseph Willson who will be the Bearer hereof —

Joseph Wilson Edmund Stearns Seth Norton Comittee for Pleasant River

Joseph Waller Jesse Brown John Sawyer Committee for Narraquagus

Joel Whitney Jonath Knight Cill Bartrick Committee for Mispeckey

Alex Campbell Jonathan Stevens Phineas Whitten Committee for Number four

State of Massachusetts Bay

These are to Certify that agreeable to a Resolve of the Hon[ble] the Continental Congress Bearing date the Third day of February Last, (Personally Came before me, Stephen Smith Commiss[y] of Stores & Truck Master at this place, Lewis Fredk. Delesdernier Lieut of the Eastern Indians, Reuben Dyer Commander of the Continental Armed Schooner Maresheete, William Alby Lieu[t] of the Troops stationed at & for the Defence of Machias, and Simeon Woodward Conductor of Artillery. Who all Voluntary Offered, and of their own Free Will made & signed the Declaration and took the Oath, prescribed in said Resolve to Be taken by all persons, that holds any Civil & Military Office or Employment under the Authority of Congress

Given under my hand, at Machias, this 13th day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1778

J Allen Colonel & Command[r] in Chief of the Troop, Stationed at and for the Defence of Machias

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber May 15, 1778

Ordered that Nathan[l] Barber Esq. Muster Master for the County of Suffolk be and he hereby is directed to pay the Bounty allowed by this State to Elisha Bragdon, Robert Libby, Nath[l] Warren, Abr[a] Durgin, John Robinson & John Mathews (soldiers) inlisted in Cap[t] Norths Company in Col[o] Lee's Regt — it appearing by a Certificate of Daniel Ilsley Esq[r] Muster Master for the County of Cumberland that said Soldiers have been mustered by him but have not received the Bounty aforesaid

read & Accepted Jn[o] Avery D[y] Sec[y]

Petition of Lieut. Ja[s] Avery with Sundry Papers referred to Hon[ble] Tho[s] Cushing Esq to mention the Subject Matter in the Message to the Hon[l] House

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of James Avery in behalf of John Allan Esq[r] Superintendent to the Eastern Indians & Com[g] officer at Machias, Humbly Sheweth,

That while Col[o] Allan had the Command of the Troops Station'd at Machias the past Summer: for the better Security of that Place & the Property belonging to this State deposited there, laid a Foundation for the Building a Fort, but the Season coming on very severe he coud not Compleat the Same,— and as it is Expedient that said Fort shoud be finished,— Your Petitioner Humbly Prays that your Honours woud give said Allan Directions respecting the Same, and if your Honours Thinks proper to have said Fort finishd that you wou'd impower said Allan to employ Teams to Draw such Timber as are Necessary, & Direct the Board of War to Supply Glass & Nails for a Barrack, and Pick-Axes,

Shovels, & Wheele Barrows or any thing Else that may be thought Necessary to Carry out Said Work,—

And as the Bussiness said Allan is employ'd in requires that some person shoud be Constantly at Boston to Transact & Expidite the same here, Therefore your Petitioner begs your Honours woud be pleased to appoint some Person as an Agent to Reside at Boston to Transact all the Bussiness with said Allan both as Superintendent as well as Commanding Officer, to Expidite all Supplys ordered to that Quarter, and all other matters that shall be thought Necessary,—

And your Petitioner likewise woud inform your Honours that Stephen Jones of Machias the past Summer, (tho' Conterary to a resolve of the Honble Court) practised supplying the Indians with sperituous Liquors and receiving Furrs & Clothing the Property of this State from said Indians in payment for the same, & he the said Jones being Complaind off Before Benj^a Foster Esq. Justice of the Peace for the County of Lincoln was adjudged to pay the fine mentioned in said Resolve, from which s^d Jones has appealed to the Court of Common Pleas, to be holden at Pownalborough on the first Tuesday in June Next, therefore your Petitioner begs y^r Honours woud Give some Directions respecting the same,

and y^r Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

Boston May 19th 1778 Ja^s Avery.

Falmouth May 22^d 1778

Sir

Whereas by a resolve of the General Court of the 20th of May this Town is required to furnish 19 Men to fill up the Continental Army & the Militia Officers were enjoyned to Cause that number to be raised by lot draft or voluntary inlistment, And whereas by another resolve of the same date the Brigadier of the County of Cumberland was directed to

detach 66 Men from his Brigade to serve in fortifying the passes on the North River of which number Colonel Noyce is directed to detach 15 Men from his Regement in this Town, & the Inhabitants tho' having suffer'd almost every thing by the continuance of the most cruel unjust & more than savage War in which the Continent are engaged and being anxious to put an end as soon as possible thereto by doing every thing in their power, engaged 50 Men to reinforce our worthy General who we heard expected to be Attacked by the enemy & said he could not make such a Stand as might be expected, & having given a large bounty for their encouragement & thereby rendered themselves unable to supply any further number from their Militia, the Town at their last Meeting, took into their consideration whether it were more for the interest of our Country to dismiss the Above mentioned 50 Men voluntiars, as they must have done to comply with the said resolves, & proceed to drauf^t agreeably thereto, or retain those already engaged, Adopted the latter plan which we hope will meet with the Approbation of the General Court, and as the Men are desirous of joining General Washington & as they make up our proportion of the 5300 men required by the General Court we by the Order of the Town have desired the Honourable Councel that they be sent to his Excellency, at the Southward and that the bounty and pay Granted by the General Court to those who reinforce the Continental Army may be paid to this Town, which we hope Our Exertions entitle us to

We are with great respect your Honours most Obedient Humb^l Serv^ts

Daniel Dole Nathl Carll Step^n Waite Joseph Noyes Pearson Jones Sellect Men of Falmouth

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives State Massachusetts Bay

The Com^tee to whom was referred the foregoing Letter

beg Leave to report that they are of Opinion that the fifty Men mentioned in said Letter, be accepted in Lieu of the nineteen Men required of the town of Falm., to serve nine Months in Order to reinforce the continental Army, & the fifteen Men required of s^d^ Town to serve in fortifying the Passes on the North River & that the Bounty & Pay granted by the General Court to those who reinforce the continental Army be paid to the Town of Falmouth for nineteen Men the same Pay for fifteen Men as is given to those who are raised to fortify the Passes on the North River & Report a Resolve accordingly —

J Lowell per Order

Mystick May 22nd 1778

Sir My Bisness from Falmouth is to attend Capt Partreg with his Company of Vollenteers til they Shall be under Marching orders. as they are under the Dyrections of the Honourable Council by a Resolve of Court whereby they are Commisioned But have Marched from Falmouth to Menotamy with out orders where they arive this Day — their Mileg being Quit Insufficient for their Support by Reasons of Extravigent Charges on the Road — therefore Pray your Honours Amediate assistence in granting Such orders as the Honourable Counsel Shall think Best — that Capt Partreg May Proceed to His Excelency General Washington — Capt Partreg has 50 men with him all of falmouth who have Paid their Mileg to Ichy Hill — Mj^o^ Bradesh is So Kind as to Deliver this Letter and bring me Your honours answer — tho Small Pox Prevents my waiting on your Honours —

From Your Honours obedient Servt

Daniel Ilsley

To the Honourable Jeremiah Powell Esqr

Mechias May 22d 1778

Sir

My last was of the By the armed schooner Marisheete, since which I have had the Honour of receiving several Resolves of the General Court, bearing date the 17th ultº regarding affairs in this Department

The 12th Instant Two Indians arrived from Penobscutt, acquanted me they had Come with Good News from Generell Gates and a French Generell Le Featte, Desired I would send to Passamaquady for a number of Indians to hold a Conference, which I accordingly did —

The 15th Ambroise & several others Arrived, on the 16th had the Conference when the Penobscot Indians Deliver'd Six Strings of Wampum on Different matters, and a Belt from the above French Generell, they delivered their Embessy in such a manner as if all was to Give their immediate attendence before him, in order that he might take them under his Care & Command in behalf of the French King, the Youngmen present were all greatly Elated & seem'd Determined for the Journey

I used every Argument to dissuade them from the purpose, as I was sure no such thing was Intended, Ambroise & Pier Tomma both opposed their Going, Capt Nicholas Hairwa was of the greatest Influence Over the Youngmen, very Zealous & Determined, his affection for the French Interest being Sanguine, it Brot on a Dispute which form'd three partys, Ambroise for America, Nicholas for the French, and Pier Tomma Leaning strongly for Britain — this, if not stay'd woud Occation a Seperation —

After sometime I was forced to Consent that Five should Go. I was very uneasy because of the want of them they being some of the best & Expected no other assistence to Defend the place, Five Family, Left which must be supported, besides an Expence which Coud not be gote Clear of

to help them on their Journey. Besides by some hints thrown out by the Penobscut Indians, I was Jealous some measures were pursuing that was not Right —

I made a Festival (which they Term it) for them, during the Entertainment I found the Penobscut Tribe was much disatisfied with me. Several Traders on that River having made the Indians believe that I had no such Authority as I pretended, nor was any Agreements or Writing done By me with the Indians of any force, & further that I had taken every step to render the Indians of that River Obnoxious to Government, for which Reason No supplys were Going to them, In Order to have the more to make use of myself, that they were now going to their Old Friends the French, who woud take better Care of them —

These kind of reports make strong Impressions often upon the mind, rest^g when done By any person they had Confided in, & very often Raises their Resentment much more, I found they had worked upon the passions of our Indians here, to Gete them to go of, But the Next day I had another Conference, when I found there was a Change, accordingly Deliv^d me a string of wampum in token of Friendship & Desired I woud take them under my Care & Permit the massengers to gain Peace, which I Consented to & Promised on the Arrival of Major Stillman to Go to Penobscut, & that one shoud Go when the Marisheete Return'd to the Genl Court to settle matters of Trade, By which a Generall Satisfaction took place

But notwithstanding Content & Joy appear'd & every one & all happy, two days Ago Captain Jack Quensyn whom I had Given a Commission, arrived here, with a Complimentary Letter from Major Studholm Commanding Officer at St Johns, to Pier Tomma and all the Tribe Inviting them strongly to the fort, where they should Receive every thing they wanted Gratis, that he Expected a Priest every day, no

other Condition Required but to keep Still — a few Hours after this Receiv^{d} Intelligence from Captain Preble who is Station'd at Passamaquady, that another Indian was among those that way with the same —

Immediately called a Conference of all present, spoke to them perticularly about War, Communicated the perticulars from France — spoke very sharply about the Indians Going to St Johns — I found them in a good disposition, and proposed a Certain plan, to be put in immediate Execution, all this was received with a Univarsal Applause & a salute took place — Just [then I proposed]

That the First Intended Journey be Laid aside, as it woud take up much time Expence and Trouble — That Two Young men be immediatly sent to Boston, to pay their Compliments to some French Officer in answer to what they had received—That they pay Congratualary Compliments Both to the Americans & French on the Treaty Lately settled — To supplicate for a Priest and to hear the Certainty of all the News &c at head Quarters —

That Two Indians proceed immediatly for Canada, by the River St Johns with an Account of the Negociations with France, Calling & Communicating there matters to the Different Villiges As they go along — That one of the Captains Do immediatly proceed & Collect all the Indians Adjacent—to be prepared for Scouting & other War proceedings — And that a perticular Return be made of all those, who has been at the Fort at St Johns since Last fall, that it may be Transmitted to Head Quarters & the French Ambassador —

This is the only step I Coud fall upon, in this sudden Emergency, to prevent their going — for notwithstanding they are possess'd of many Virtues, they are still savauges in Disposition when Oppertunity offers — I am very Jealous that while such Valuable supply, is at St Johns & such great Encouragm^{ts} given — great numbers of the Indians will Trade and Be there —

As I woud give the Hon. Board as Little Trouble as possible, I have sent Lieut. Delesdernier with the Indians to take Care of them, Transact for them any bussiness they may want Done, and Introduc them to any French Gentlemen — He is a Master of the French Language, Native of Novascotia — I Expect they will be soon Satisfy'd, so as not to Be above 3 or 4 days in Boston —

I think it my Duty to Acquant the Hon^be Board, that there is a very Gloomy Appearence here, shoud the Enemy make an Attempt, which is probable they may do, shoud they hear of Our situation, if they did not intend it otherwise, Major Stillman Writes me of the 14th Inst^t that he had not got a man — only seventeen there — I trust Providence will be more favourable then the Leading men in the Eastern Country, who are so Ambitious for posts of Honour —

Passamaquody is filling with disaffected from the Westward, Incendiarys along shore, aiding & assisting Torys fleeing from Justice — Indeed I Expected the Hon^le Court woud have Laid some more restraint upon that place. But I find persons are Returning there, who was sent up Last fall, that must be of the most Evil Consequence to the Eastern Country, as well as the Indian affairs, It appears to me Impossible that bussiness can be managed with that Accuracy, Certainty & safety in such Distant frontier Parts near the Enemy — when a more Infamous set of Incendrius Internal Enemies, are tolerated to pass to and fro without hinderence or molestation. I send some picked up at Passamaquody which my friend Colo Jones sent there with his Eldest son— also one of Burgoynes which I apprehended ther in his way to the Eastward — the Hon^be Board will please Grant me the Liberty by this Conveyance, to Congratulate them on the Great Success of the American Negotiations with the Court of France, a Treaty which must Confer Honour on the Celebrated men who Negotiated the business, It must

Give the greatest Joy to every well wisher of the Libertys of mankind —

Any perticular matters which the Hon^{be} Board might be Desirous to know Mr Delesdernier, I doubt not will give them full satisfaction

I have the Honour to Be with the Greatest Respect & Esteem Sir Your most Obd. much obliged & very hbl serv^{t}

J Allan

In Council June 10th 1778

Read & Ordered — That Timothy Edwards & Joseph Simpson Esq^{rs} with such as the Hon^{le} House may join be a Committee to take this Letter into Consideration and confer with Lieu^{t} Delesdernier and the two Warriors from St John's in Nova Scotia & report —

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Sent up for Concurrence

In the House of Representatives June 10 1778

Read and Concur^{d} and M^{r} lot Brown Capt Batchelor and Mr Wood are joyn^{d} in the affair —

Saml Freeman Spk P T

The President of the Hon^{be} the Council Board State of the Massachusetts Bay —

Council Order directing Capt. Partridge to march his Company of Volunteers to Gen. Washington's Army.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber May 24, 1778

You are hereby directed to march the Company of Volunteers Raised in this State & under your command, to the American Army under the Command of his Excellency General Washington, without loss of time

* When you arive at Headquarters you will make a report to the General of your arival the number & State of your Company — You will Receive & follow such orders as you shall Receive from the Commander in Chief for the term of six months next after your arival at HeadQuarter. 2

* You will take Especial care that your Company both on their march & in Quarters, behave in a Soldier like manner, not injuring the person or property of any one.

2 Of this you will not fail. In the name & by order of the Council

Capt Partridge President

Cape Elizabeth,— State of Massachusetts Bay, 26 of May 1778 —

To the Honourable Council, and the Honourable House of Representatives in Great and General Court Assembled.—

This memorial humbly Sheweth. That whereas the Great and General Court of this state, did on the 20.. of April last, pass a Resolve, that the Several Towns in this State are order'd to raise 2000. Men to reinforce the Continental Army and did on the Same Day pass another Resolve for raseing 1300 of the militia thereof to fortify the Passes of the North River: the Quota of this Town for the Continental Army is nine, and the Draught from the Militia is eight: We imediately rais'd the Nine men for the filling of the fifteen Battalions

But altho we have from the beginning of the Contest between great Brittain and the oppressed States, done every thing in our power to preserve the just Rights and Priviledges of the united States, and are Still determed to Defend the Same with our lives and Fortunes, to the last Extremity; yet have not Drafted the Eight men from the Militia, to fortify and secure the Passes of the North River:

This is therefore humbly and earnestly to intreat the Honourable Court, that we may be excused therefrom for the following Reasons (viz) —

1. When the order came out for raiseing fifteen Battalions in this State, for the Continental Army, and our Quota was Known, we instantly raised the men ; and as a Considerable part of our Effective men, who before the War, were employ'd in Navigation, and the fishery were now thrown out of business, and several Towns in this State who enclin'd to Keep their own men at home, for reasons best Known to themselves, took the advantage of our circumstances and sent recruiting officers among us to inlist men for them Selves, who inlisted thirty or more, and as we did not know then, that it would be to our disadvantage as a Town, we made no opposition to the Measure, tho we now sensably feel the bad effects ; more over, since the first levy was made for raiseing fifteen Battalions, a number of Familys have removed into the back Settlements, so that we do by no means now bair the same proportion with many of the Towns in the state that we then did.—

2. This Town lies upon the entrance of the Harbour of Falmouth, where Fourt Hancock stands, and there are twenty two men Station'd there in all which belong to this Town, and Consequently lesen our ability to send men abroad, and Should the Enemy enter this Harbor, it will be of the utmost importance that the Fourt should be well mand, and that instantly, which from its situation cant be done but by the Militia of this Town.—

3 Our number of men being greately Deminished as your honours must be sensible we have not now men enough to carry on the husbandry, and should we be oblig'd to send off more men we have just reason to fear the Town must greately suffer for want of bread once more —

4 As this Town is not Calculated by Nature to produse

much provisions and as we have not only the familys of our own Soulders to provide for, but also the familys of those who serve for other Towns, it still makes our burden the greater.

We your Memorialest therefore humbly pray, that the Honourable Court would take our case into your wise and Parental Consideration, and releas us from the obligation to draft eight men from the Militia to fortify the Passes on the North River — and that if this Court think it cant releas us consistant with Wisdom and prudence from the afore Said obligation, that it would not impose any upon us, and upon information that the prayer of the memorial is not granted, we will do to the utmost of our power to forward the men.— And we your Memorials in duty bound Shall ever pray

Daniel Strout } Selectmen
Benja Jordan }

Joshua Jordan Capt
Daniel Strout Cap^{tn}

The Deposition of Saml Jordan of Lawfull age testifieth and saith that being att the House of Doctor Ivory Hovey in Union River on the 14 Instant, a Willm Tupper Deputy sheriff came to said House, and I then and their heard said Hovey read an order from the Gen^{ll} Court Directed to Nathan Jones or the Officer who attached the property of said Hoveys, be, and he hereby is directed and commanded to deliver without Delay to the said Hovey all and Every part of the property of the Said Hovey which he the said Jones has taken or that have been taken by his order in consequence of any power he the said Jones received from the owners of the sloop advance, and I then and their heard the said Hovey by virtue of the above order make a demand of the aforesaid william Tupper Deputy sheriff the officer who attached said Hoveys property, of two oxen and one Cow

and the said Tupper then and their Refused to comply with said order of the Genl Court and further saith not —

Saml Jordan

Union River May 27th 1778.

War Office, 29th May 1778

Mr Jonas Lowder

Sir In the last Invoice you received from us, we ommitted the several Articles, deliverd you by the Commissary General; the defeciancy we have supplied, & inclose you the Invoice compleat for which we have made you debtor.—

We are you very humble Servants By Order of the Board,

John Brown Prest ꝑ T.

War Office May 29th 1778

Capt Stephen Smith

Sir Inclosed you have Invoice Sundrys for supplys for the Troops, Indians & Truck House at your place; for which we have taken Mr Averys receipt, & made you debtor; you please to dispose of & deliver those articles, as directed by Court: keeping a perticular account thereof, that you may be prepared to settle your accounts, without diffeculty when thereto required.—

We are with regard your very humble servt By Order of the Board

John Brown Prest ꝑ T

P S. the Wampum & Beads stand a blank to be filld up another time when we shall fix the price

To the Honbl the Council & Honbl House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Township of Gouldsborough in the County

of Lincoln Humbly Shews — that your Petitioners & Familys are in a Deplorable Situation occasioned by the total Stagnation of the Lumber Trade, upon which we mostly Depended for a Living, and the Frequent Allarms, whereby we was obliged to March to Machias the last year, Intirely prevented us from Raising any Provisions for our Familys, or procureing Hay for our Cattle which has occasion'd the Loss of many of them during the Winter & Spring, and now leaves your Petitioners hardly able to do their Spring work on their Farms for want of Provisions for themselves — and whereas we are Inform'd that Mr Danl Wright who stiles himself the Chairman of the Committee of this place, (altho' Ellected by themselves at an Illegal meeting) is about to present a Petition to your Honors in behalf of the place, we are to beg your Honors that nothing may be Granted to him in our behalf, as from his Former Conduct We have no Reason to Expect any favours from him, your Petitioners therefore Humbly Pray that your Honors would be pleased to take the Deplorable situation of your Petitioners & Familys in your Wise Consideration & make such a Grant to Francis Shaw Esqr of Boston in Corn & other Neccessarys as in your wisdom you may think proper and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

Goldsborough May 1778

John Woodman	Daniel Tibbets	James Clark
Jonathan Tracey	Jen Allen	William Sargent
Benj Aith	Wm Shaw	Benjamin Woodman
Noah Young	Benj Glasier	James Noonan
John Hanson	Samuel Libbey	William tibbets
Ephraim Young	Paul Kurns	John gubteail Senr
William Allen		

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Edgcumb duly Qualified and Legally warn'd, in

public town meeting Assembled at the Dwelling house of Mr William Cleford Inholder in Said Town — on Tuesday the Second Day of June Anno Domini 1778 at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon — after a Moderator was Chosen — the Question was put to see if the Town would approve the form of Government when then Laid before them, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court the members then present Voted in the Negative — Unanimously — the Number of Voters was fifteen present at Said Meeting the Reason of so few in Number being at Said meeting — it was an Extream Rainy Day and very Difficult Traveling as many had some Distance to Travel they did not attend Said Meeting

Given under our hands at Edgcumbe this Second Day of June A. D 1778.—

Moses Davis Joseph Decker John Cunningham Solomon Trask N Herrenden Will Cunningham, Select men and Committee of Edgcumbe

the deposition of Saml Jordan Junr of Lawfull age testifieth and Saith 13th day of May 1778 being at house of Nathan Jones Esq I then and there heard Ivory hovey make a demand of s^{d} Jones of Some Cattle (that where attach on account of the Sloop advance) by virtue of an order from the gennerall Court which I hovey bid them Read to Sd Jones and after wards Sufred him to peruse but S^{d} Jones absolutly refused to deliver the them to the S^{d} hovey to the afore Said order and further Saith not

Samuel Jordan Junr

Cumberland Ss Falmouth June 5th 1778

The abovenamed Samuel Jordan Junr made Oath to the above Deposition by him Sign'd

Coram Enoch Freeman Just^{s} Peace

the deposition of Samel Jordan Junr of Lawfull age testifieth and Saith that being at the house of Doctor Ivory hovey in Union River on the 14th May 1778 Willm Tupper Deputy Sherif Came to Sd hoveys house and I then and there heard Sd hovey Read an order from the General Court Directed to Nathan Jones or officer who attachd the property of Sd hovey and he thereby is directed and Commanded to deliver with out delay, to the Sd hovey all and Every part of the property of the sd hovey which he the Sd Jones has taken or that has been taken by his order in Consiquence of any power he the Sd Jones Received from the oners of the Sloop advance and I then heard the Sd hovey by vertoue of the afore Sd order make a demand of the afore Sd William Tupper deputy Sheref the officer who attachd Sd hoveys property of two oxen and one Cow and the Sd Tupper then and there Refusd to Comply with Sd order of the generall Court yet acknowledged that in Consiqunce of an action Commenced against the Sd hovey for the Sloop advance they where taken and what he did was by Col Nathan Jones order and further Said not

Samuel Jordan Junr

Cumberland Ss Falmouth June 5th 1778

the abovenamed Samuel Jordan Junr made Oath to the Truth of the above Deposition by him signed.

Coram Enoch Freeman Justs Peace

In the House of Representatives June 8th 1778

Whereas the Town of Falmouth have voluntarily sent into the continental Army fifty Men to serve untill the last Day of November next which Exertion Deserves Notice & Encouragement —

It is resolved that the Town of Falmouth be exempted from sending any men in Pursuance of the Resolve of the

General Assembly of the 20th of April to fill up the Continental Army by a Reinforcement of nine Months & another Resolve of the same Date for fortyfying the Passes on the North River & that said Town be paid the Bounty & pay granted to those who reinforce the Continental Army for nineteen Men & the same Pay for fifteen Men as is given to those who are raised to fortify the Passes on the North River —

sent up for concurrence Saml Freeman Spkr P T

In Council June 9, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 9, 1778

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the Accounts of the Treasurer of the County of York, that all the monies Granted & Allowed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County for the year 1778 were for Such Purposes & Appropriations as the Law impowered Said Court to grant

Therefore Resolved That Said Account be Allowed — **A**

sent up for concurrence Saml Freeman Spk P T

at **A** add, and that the said Treasurer be further Accountable for the sum of Thirty six pounds two shillings & eleven pence half penny a sum that remains due in his hands

In Council June 9, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives June 10 1778

The House by Ballot unanimously made choice of the following Gentlemen as Field officers for the second Regiment of Militia in the County of York. vizt

Ichabod Goodwin Colonel Joseph Prime Lieutenant Colonel John Shapley First Major Sam[l] Leighton Second Major

The House by ballot made choice of the following Gentlemen as Field Officers for the first Regiment of Militia in the County of York — viz

Edward Grow Colonel John Littlefield Lieut Coll. John Nowall first Maj. Daniel Littlefield second Maj.

The House by Ballot unanimously made choice of the following Gentlemen as Field Officers for the third Regiment of Militia in the County of York viz[t] —

Thomas Cutts Colonel Jonathan Stone Lieu[t] Colonel Humphrey Fiske first Major Sam[l] Waterhouse second Major

Sent up for Concurrence

Commissions made out Sam[l] Freeman Spk P T

In Council June 10, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jn[o] Avery D[y] Sec[y]

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 10, 1778

on the Petition of the Inhabitants of a New Plantation called Bridgton, in the County of York, or Cumberland, Praying for an abatement of the Public taxes, assessed on them, by the Assessors of the Town of Fryeburg,

Resolved, that the Inhabitants of Said Plantation Notify the Assessors of Said Fryeburg, by Serving them with a Coppy of this Petition, with the order thereon, that they shew Cause if any they have, on the Second Tuesday of the Next Setting of this Court, why the Prayer thereof, should not be granted.

and that the Collector or Collectors of taxes for the Said Town of Fryeburg be & they are hereby ordered to Desist & Stay from Collecting any of Said taxes, from the Inhabitants of Said Bridgton untill the further order of this Court.

Sent up for Concurrence Sam[l] Freeman Spk P T

In Council June 10, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

In Council Sepr 29, 1778 Read & ordered — that William Sever Esq with Such as the Hon'ble House shall appoint be a Committee to consider this Petition & reply thereto, hear the Parties & report —

Sent down for Concurrence Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

In the House of Representatives Oct 1, 1878

Read & Concurred & Coll Coffin & M. Sexton are join'd

John Pickering Spk^r

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives June 12th 1778

Resolved that there be paid out of the publick Treasury to the Revd Daniel Little of Wells a sum of money sufficient to enable him to erect a building of thirty five feet by twenty five, suitable for the purpose of manufacturing Steel, also to build a furnace and common blacksmith's forge, and to enable him to purchase utensils requisite for preparing and examining the barrs, provided the whole does not exceed the sum of Four Hundred and fifty Pounds on Condition that the said Little shall engage to carry the art of manufacturing Steel to as great perfection as possible, within the reach of his present Knowledge or any future acquirements, and to communicate the same Without any reserve to the General Court of this State, when they shall judge it will be most beneficial to the public

Sent up for Concurrence Saml Freeman Spk^r P T

In Council June 15, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 13, 1778

Whereas in Consequence of an Exertion made by the Town of Falmouth to reinforce the Continentall Army whereby that Town engaged fifty Volunteers to serve in said Army untill the last Day of November next this Court have exempted it from the Draught of 1800 Men Ordered by a Resolve of court that passd the 12th Current to be made for the Defence of this State and the State of Rhode Island and whereas Sixteen of the said fifty Volunteers have not receved any Encouragement of Bounty or Pay from this State and it appearing Just and reasonable that equal encouragement be given to those who are willing to risque their lives in Defence of the Common Cause —

Resolved that there be allowed to the Town of Falmouth the same Bounty and pay for the sixteen men above mentioned (exclusive of Continental Pay) as is promised to such as shall engage or be Draughted agreably to the Resolve aforesaid

Sent up for Concurrence

Saml Freeman Spk P T

In Council June 15th 1778 Read & Nonconcurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In Council June 23d 1778

Read & the Board reconsidered their State of the 15. Instant and Concurr with the House

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Petition of Selectmen of Topsham.

State of Massachusetts Bay —

To the hono the Council and honorable house of Representatives for said State in great and General Court assembled.

The petition of the Selectmen of Topsham in the county of Lincoln humbly shews

That the warrant for their annual town meeting on the 21st day of March A D 1776 was signed & posted up at the meeting house there, by two of their selectmen — that no return was made upon it tho it remains on file in the Clerks office and that it has never been recorded in the town book of Records — whereby doubts have arisen whether the said meeting was legally warned & whether any of the proceedings of it in raising money choosing town officers &c are legal & valid, and consequently whether there have been any persons there legally authorized to call town meetings since. That the Town meeting in March 1777 was notified by a Constable chosen in said disputed meeting in March 1776, by virtue of an order from the selectmen chosen at the same meeting in 1776, as the law directs, but that tho a regular return was made by said Constable on said select mens order, yet said order & return, now on file in the Clerks office have never been recorded, nor ye Order & return for the March meeting in March 1778 tho on file been recorded, and doubts have also arisen whether the persons who called the town meeting in March 1778 were legally impowered to do it, by reason of said defect in calling the meeting for March 1776. And whereas by means of said doubts & disputes respecting the legality of said meetings, The present town officers are afraid to discharge their duty, & many of said Inhabitants refuse to pay their rates, or to yield obedience to their said town officers, and the town is brought into a state of difficulty and confusion: tho the Inhabitants of said town were in fact notified of said Meeting in March 1776 & in General as usual attended the same & the proceedings thereof & of every town meeting since have been open & known & fair & upright —

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that the choice of Town officers and other votes and proceedings of said Town meetings, in March 1776, 1777 & 1778 or any other meetings

since March 1776 may be established & declared valid to all intents & purposes, the irregularities & defects afores^{d} notwithstanding, and also notwithstanding any possible defect or irregularity in the choice of the selectmen who warned said Meeting in March 1776. and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray

James Fulton James Potter John Merrill

Topsham June 15th Selectmen of Topsham

This may Sartifi to home it may Concearn that wee the Committe of Damiscota give order and power to Capt Anthony Chapman if upon tacking advice with Sum of the Members of the grate and general Cort of this State that it is beast to Draw over the petition Sent up by him for Incorproating this plantation and state the bounds properly as it is altered to tack arther Noble in and to Sign our Names as witnessess our hands

June ye 15/1778 the Committee of Damiscota Anthony Chapman Francis Tufts Joseph Rust

State of Mass^{a} Bay, York Ss. June 16th 1778.

Then Mr Solomon Littlefield of Wells in said County Personally appearing Solemnly made Oath That he had Manufactured in Wells afore s^{d} Ninety Bushells of Salt out of Sea water in and between July and Decem^{r} 1777, and sold the same at two Dollars a Bush^{l} agreeable to the Acts of this State, for which he has rec^{d} no bounty before me

Danl Moulton Jus Peace

In Council Sep^{t} 7, 1778 Read & Allowed & Ordered That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £13.10/ in full discharge of the above Bounty

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Hon^{bl} the Genl assembly of the Massachusetts Bay conven^{d} at Watertown, the Petition of Ivory Hovey humbly sheweth that he prefer^{d} a petition to the General Court Ap^{l} last, praying that his property taken by one Nathan Jones might be restor^{d} to him upon which the hon^{bl} Court took the Order herewith transmitted — But notwithstanding the good Intention of the hon^{bl} Court to Deliver an injured man, yet it has not had the wish^{d} for Effect, for the s^{d} Jones absolutely refus^{d} compliance with the Order, as also did the Officer, by whom the s^{d} Goods were taken which will ap^{r} by the inclos^{d} Depositions

Y^{r} Petitioner therefor must once more apply to the Fathers of his Country for Relief.

He is the more urgent in the matter, at present, as he is now going to his Duty, as Surg^{n} to Co^{ll} Wigglesworth's Reg^{t} in the army, and would wish to see his little Family enjoy his Cows, and what other property he has, for their support while he is defending his country — Your Hon^{rs} will please to consider his Case, and afford him that Relief that you in your wisdom shall see mete, and as in Duty bound will pray —

Ivory Hovey

In Council June 17 : 1778 Read & thereupon Ordered that Daniel Hopkins Esqr with such as the Hon'ble House shall appoint be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition with the papers accompanying the same & report what may be proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives, June 16, 1778, Read & Concurred and Col Peck and Col Coffin are joyned

Saml Freeman Spk P T

The Com^{te} of both Houses to whom was refered the Petition of Ivory Hovey, report the following Resolves

Dan Hopkins pr Ord^{r}

On the Petition of Ivory Hovey representing that the Order of the General Court of the 29th of ap. last to Nathan Jones, and Wm Tupper was not complied with, and praying for Relief,

Resolved that the sd Hovey be, and he is hereby directed to take his property, of every kind, taken by the sd Jones or by the sd Tupper by the sd Jones's Order or by any other person under the Direction of the sd Jones, in consequence of any power he the sd Jones has received, or has pretended to have received from the Owner of the Sloop advance: —

And it is further Resolved that the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln be, and he hereby is commanded to take into his Custody the sd Nathan Jones and Wm Tupper deputy Sheriff and them bring, as soon as may be before this Court or the Council in the Recess, there to wait further Order. —

In Council June 18, 1778 Read & accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives June 18 1778

Read & Concurred —

Saml Freeman Spk P T

Petition of Davis Hatch.

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled —

The petition of Davis Hatch of Pownalboro in the County of Lincoln Mariner Humbly Sheweth that an Action of the Case was by him commenced against Thomas Gilpatrick of Newcastle in the County aforesaid Yeoman upon a Note of hand & account to be heard & tryed at an Inferior Court of Common pleas held at said Pownalborough within & for the said County on the last Tuesday of September last & after a

tryal of said Action at the Court aforesaid (a verdict being found for the said Thomas & Judgment rendered according) the said Davis appealed to the Superiour Court of Judicature &c then next to be holden at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland for the Counties of Cumberland & Lincoln with full intention to prosecute said appeal, but (through the forgetfulness of his attorney who did not Instruct him in that particular) did not Recognize as the Laws of this State direct for a prosecution of the same; whereby your petiti^r is precluded from bringing forward said action as aforesaid & has entirely lost the benefit of his debt unless your Hon^rs should see meet to afford him relief — Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Hon^rs would take the same into your wise Consideration & permit him to bring forward said Appeal to the next Superior Court to be held at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland for the Counties of Cumberland & Lincoln & do & transact every other matter relative thereto as tho' your petitioner had recognized as the Law directs & as in duty bound shall pray &c

Pownalborough 1778 Davis Hatch

In the House of Representatives June 19th 1778

Resolved that the Prayer of said Petition be so far granted as that the said Davis Hatch notify the said Thomas Gilpatrick by Serving him with an Attested Copy of said Petition and this Order thereon to appear on the Second Wednesday of the next Setting of the General Court to Shew Cause (if any he have) why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted —

Sent up for Concurrence Saml Freeman Spk^r P. T.

In Council June 20th 1778 Read & Concurred

John Avery D^y Sec^y

A true copy Attest John Avery D^y Sec^y

N. B. the G. Court sits 1st Wednesday Septem^r next

Lincoln Ss July 29th 1778 Then I Notified the said Thomas Gilpatrick of the above petition & order by leaving an attested Copy of the same at his Dwelling House

David Murray Deputy Sheriff

Fees 56/10

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 23d 1778

Resolved that the Board of War be and they are hereby directed to present a Fire Arm to each of the three Indian Chiefs of the Penobscot Tribe now on their Return home from Albany & also a Fire Arm to the Indian who accompanies them —

Sent up for Concurrence Saml Freeman Spk P. T.

In Council June 22d Read & Concurred

Jno Avery Dy Secy

To the Honorable the Great and General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of the Committee of Inspection, Correspondence and safety of the town of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln Humbly Sheweth,

That by a Resolve of the Honorable Court, passed Sept 22d 1777, the Board of War were directed to send to your Petitioners two nine and two six pound cannon with Carriages and implements complete, & fifty rounds of powder and ball for each piece, and your Petitioners are by said Resolve, made accountable for the same.

That instead thereof your Petitioners received one twelve & two four pound iron pieces with carriages, and the implements and ordonnance stores in the annexed schedule mentioned :

That your Petitioners have too much confidence in the Honor and Justice of the General Court, to suspect in that Honorable body, any design of making them Accountable for any thing which was never committed to their care:

Yet it appears to them that, if said resolve has not undergone some alterations they may, in some future time, be called upon to restore or pay for all that it consigns to them: and therefore they pray your Honors to order an enquiry into the Execution of said Resolve & take such order thereon as to Justice shall appertain; that whilst the State is secured from fraud on the one hand your Petitioners may be indemnified in the line of their Duty on the other.

Your Petitioners beg leave further to add, that by said Resolve it is likewise ordered that a Company of fifty men to be commanded by one Captain and two Lieuts. be raised and stationed in this town: and we cannot doubt that it then appeared to the Honble Court, that such a Company was necessary not only for the defence of the place, considered as peculiarly exposed to the ravage of the Common enemy, but also for the preservation of said cannon & the ordonnance accompanying the same;

The exposure being unvariable, and the animosity of our foes unabated, the Hon^bl^ Court will easily perceive the dangers of this town to be no less now than when said Company was granted; and your Petitioners are constrained humbly to remonstrate to your Honors that our dangers have been greatly enhanced partly by the Spirit of privateering that has carried off great part of the able bodied men in this place; partly by the late draughts for the various departments in the Continental army, in which this town has never failed to bear its part, tho' the people were conscious that by so doing they stripped themselves naked of every resource that remained among themselves for their own defence: and partly even by the aforesaid Grant of Cannon and warlike

stores: inasmuch as these things become a proper bait, by which our enemies have been induced to pay a degree of attention to this place which it is probable might otherwise have been directed to posts of greater importance:— But that

Notwithstanding the great additions hereby made to the hazard of this town, already obviously eminent & peculiar, the Resolve for the raising of said Company has never been executed; and your Petitioners beg leave to remark that, whatever might be thought of it by the Honble Court, it did at that time appear to every one in these parts, to be impossible by any influence whatever to procure the voluntary enlistment of one man in the Eastward to serve in said Company upon the establishment settled by said resolve, whilst no less than a third more was at the same time allowed to another company for the same purpose ordered to be raised & stationed at Machias in the same County.

That in consequence of our greatly weakened circumstances this town is not able to furnish men sufficient for the defence of the place & still less sufficient for the safety & improvement of the said cannon &c in addition thereto; & we cannot expect on any alarm to receive from the adjacent places any reinforcements competent to answer these purposes in less than thirty, forty or perhaps sixty hours after the appearance of an enemy in our harbour during which time they will be able easily to have effected their hostile purposes & dissappeared.

That therefore the Inhabitants who are chiefly exposed have been obliged to keep all their valuables removed to secret places in the woods, and your Petitioners have, for the same reasons, been constrained to convey the said Cannon & stores to such places as render it impossible for this people to avail themselves of any help from them in case of alarm, merely for sake of keeping them out of the enemy's reach:

Upon the whole your Petitioners after patient & silent expectation of the company granted as aforesaid being ordered this Spring to be raised upon such establishment as may be adequate to support it; & finding that nothing has been done to that purpose — but that on the contrary the Hon^{bl} Court has gone on to demand more of the few aged & infirm or boys that yet remain among us

think it their duty thus humbly to lay themselves at the feet of the Hon^{bl} Court humbly praying that your Honors would be pleased to take their case into your wise consideration & order the said Company to be forthwith raised & stationed in this place upon a suitable establishment or otherwise to release your Petitioners from this obligation to be accountable for the military stores committed to them, & direct them in what manner to dispose of the same agreeable to the mind of the Honble Court, & your Petitioners as in duty bound Shall ever pray

Boothbay June 24th 1778 Signed p^{r} order & in the name of said Committee

by Edward Emerson Chairman

In Council Sept. 17, 1778 Read & sent down

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Schedule of Cannon and ordonnance Stores delivered to the Committee of Boothbay

1 iron Cannon twelve pounder 91 Cartridges for d^{o} 25 Canister shot for d^{o} 100 round balls for d^{o} 19 double headed shot for 2 four pound d^{o} 99 four pound balls for d^{o} 142 Cartridges for d^{o} 24 Canister shot for d^{o} 1 knapsack 6 live matches 3 priming wires 3 powder horns 2 hammers 6 hand ropes 3 spunges 1 handspike 3 wormers 2 gimblets 4 match staffs 1 ladle

Machias June 26th 1778

Sir

The multiplicity of business which has Lately surrounded me in settleing matters for the Insuing Season, and the sudden Notice of this Oppo, prevents my being perticular or properly Answering the Diffi matters by Mr Avery —

Shall only by this inform the Honbe Board that on Monday the 22d Inst. one Sergt & Eight Soldiers belonging to the Royall Sensible Americans & the Loyall Novascotia Volunteers Arrived here from the River St John in a small schooner belonging to Major Studholm,

The major was sending her with a Packet to Annapolis But the Sergt who was not Concerned in the Rising hove it overboard, the Sergt is a Prisoner shall send him to the Westward By 1st Oppo — the others has taken the Oath of Allegience to the states & Granted them passports

The Bearer Mr William Lambart Arived the same day with his family & from the character I have recd of him from several persons, I believe him to be of the Greatest assistence to the unhappy Prisoners & others of America, he will Be able to Inform the Honbe Board of any News —

I have just Compleated the marisheete & whale Boats, for a Cruise to Passamaquady, where all the Indians Adjacent are Assembling, Intend also to stop an Intercourse which Growing to fast among the Enemy. I shall sail to morrow—

The Indians I sent with Copys of Docter Franklines Letter respecting the Treaty are return'd after Delivering them to other Indians to be forwarded to Canada, & recd severel pledges of friendship, & yesterday recd a Letter for 21 Canadians (who arrived at Penobscut) Informing me that they met the Letters near Quebec, & Directed the Indians where to go — they inform me that the people of Canada almost Universal, are Determined to join the States, an Excursion up St Johns river woud be beneficial,

Excuse this scroll have not time to Correct am with Due Respect Sir

Your most Obd. very hbser

Mr Jeremiah Powell J Allan

State of Massachusntts Bay

Council Chamber June 29, 1778

Ordered — That the Commissary General be and he hereby is directed to dispose of such of the Feathers and Peltry that he rec^d from the Truck House at Mechias as the Board of War does not want for the use of this State — said Commissary to be accountable for the same

read & accepted Jno Avery D^y Sec^y

To the Honorable Board of War now Sitting at Boston in and for the state of the Massachusetts bay gentle men I beg leave to aquaint your Honours that I am sensable of your gratitude in furnishing me with a vessel to bring Lumber to you from the Distressed Inhabitants at Frenchmans bay in whoes behalf I come here by their apointment I would farther enform you that I am Sensable of their Distressed condition for want of provision and in perticular for bread kind if your Honours will be pleased to send them Suplies I will See that Pay is made at the Delivery of it and ameadate pay made you in wood or Lumber of any kind fish and oil which Shall be deliv'red to you at boston at the market Cash price in behalf of my Self and the above mentioned people I pray your wise and Compasonate Consideration to Direct for us as your honours shall think best and your petitioner will ever pray Danl Sullivan

Falmouth July 2 1778

Dear Sir I take the first opertunity to Inform you and the Rest of the Honourable Bord of War that I Saife ariv'd in the Harbour of Casko Bay at Six p m after a passage of 40 Days I shall take as a favor of you to Right as much as possible you Can by the bearer of this Letter meening my Mate so Lett me Know in What manner I am to proceed as it has pleased God to preserve So far I Should be glad to Tarry here till I have orders in what Manner to proceed pray Sir Excues my Scrawle for i Right in a Hurry Sir I am your most Obed Humble Servent

John Harvis

Council Chamber July 17, 1778 —

To Mr Samuel Fletcher

Sir,

Congress having been pleased to Commit to the Continental Board of War the Care of the Cloathing belonging to the United States Arrived & which shall Arrive in the Eastern Department & the Board of War having desired this Board would Appoint a suitable Person to take ye immediate Charge of such Cloathing We repairing special Confidence in your fidelity & Care have appointed you to Execute this trust & you are accordingly to take immediate Charge of ye said Cloathing & dispose of the same pursuant to the resolve of Congress & the Instructions from ye Board of War deliver'd you herewith, We must enjoin it upon you to use all possible Diligence Fidelity & Dispatch in the Business Committed to your Care.—

in the name & in behalf of the Council J S Prend J P

State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Essex Ss

The Government and People of the said State To the several Sheriffs of Our Countys of Essex Suffolk Cumberland

and Lincoln, their respective under Sheriffs or Deputys Greeting —

Whereas Stephen Hall of Boston in Our County of Suffolk Wharfinger and Peleg Crooker of Situate in Our County of Plymouth Coaster before our Justices of Our Superior Court of Judicature &ca held at Ipswich in Our County of Essex on the third Tuesday of June last recover'd Judgment for restitution of a certain Sloop call'd the Nan of burthen about Eighty Tons, her Cargo & appurtenances, (which was Libelled in the Maritime Court for the Eastern District in our said State by James Cargill & others, and by decree of the same Court) Execution of which Judgment doth still remain to be done —

We Command you therefore that without delay you cause the said Sloop Nancy with her Cargo & appurtenances, if they may be found in either of your precincts to be restored to the said Stephen Hall and Peleg Crooker, they paying your fees for so doing: and make return of this am't with your doings therein, into the Office of the Clerk of Our said Court as soon as may be — Witness William Cushing Esqr at Boston the ninth day of July in the Year of Our Lord 1778

Saml Winthrop Clerk

Cumberland Ss July 18th 1778 In obedience to the within writ of Execution I have taken the Sloop Nancy within mentioned found at North Yarmouth in my precinct, & delivered & restored her to Benjamin Shaw attorney to the within named Hall & Crooker for their use with two Anchors & Cables her standing & running Riging, but without Cargo Boat or Sails, she having none in, upon, or about her when I found her

Benjamin Bayley Dep^{y} Sher.

A Copy Attest Oliver Peabody Clerk

Letter to ye Cont^l Board of War July 22^d 1778

Council Chamber Boston July 22^d 1778

Gentlemen

We now Acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23 of June last and in pursuance of your request to appoint a person of Judgment Care & activity to take the immediate charge of the Cloathing arrived or that may Arrive on Account of the United States in the Eastern Department we have Appointed Mr Samuel Fletcher to this Business & have directed him to dispose of the same pursuant to the resolve of Congress & your Instructions which we have delivered to him & agreeable to your desire have enjoined it upon him to use all possible diligence fidelity & Dispatch in the Business committed to his Care & we doubt not he will faithfully execute to the Trust —

In the Name & in behalf of ye Council I am your humb^l Servt Jer: Powel Presd^t

Cont^l Board of War

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.—

The Petition of Capt Daniel Sullivan Humbly Sheweth,

That he his officers nor men have never received their back Rations for their Marches to, and while doing duty at Machias last Summer; And the Board of War refuses to Settle the same without an order from your Honors.—

He therefore humbly prays your Honors would be pleased to give him an Order upon the Board of War for the Rations now due to him and his Company, Agreeable to an order of the General Court passed the 30th of April last.—

And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Boston July 27, 1778 Dan'l Sullivan

Roll for back Rations due Capt. Daniel Sullivan's Company of Militia in Col° Benjamin Fosters Regiment called to Machias at different times vizt.—

Danl Sullivan Capt 100 Rations, Jas McFarland L^{t} 8 d°, Asa Dyer Lieut. 25, John Bean 2^{d} d° 46, Saml Hopkins Serj^{t} 6, Edward Berry d° 3, Judah West d° 6, Thos Richardson D° 3, Benj^{a} Libby D° 6, Reuben Abbot Corp^{l} 3, Oliver Worster D° 3, Reuben Ash D° 3, Moses Abbot D° 6, Saml Ball Private 6, Benj^{a} Clark 9, Dav^{d} Stimpson 9, Lemuel Clark 3, Saml Milliken 3, Joseph Googings 3, Eph^{m} Hayns 3, Peter Godfrey 3, Thos Googings 3, Stephen Henderson 3, Philip Master 3, Danl Leonard 3, Peter Abbot 3, John Magoon 3, Saml Johnston 6, Wm Salter 3, Saml Preble 3, Ico^{h} Braddon 3, Nathl Henderson 3, Jas Bean 6, Wm Warters 6, John Williams 6, M° Butler 3, Steph^{n} Clark 6, Nathl Preble 6, Benj^{a} Welch 6, Benj^{a} Wand 6, Tilli White 6, Danl Richardson 3, Richd Persons 3, Saml Reed 3, John Manchester 3, Jon^{a} Redocks 6, Saml Jordon 6, Allen Hopkins 6, John Tinker 3, Elisha Wescott 3, James Clark 3, Benj^{a} Jellison 3, Benj^{a} Libby jun. 3, Paul Simpson 3, Meletiah Jordan 3, Joseph Jellison 3, John Barns 3, Moses Butler jun. 6, John Johnston 3, Thomas Ash 3, Joshua Bickford 3, John Springer 3.

Errors Excepted Danl Sullivan

In Council July 27, 1778 Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to pay the within Ration Roll agreeable to the Order of the General Court of April 30th 1778

read & Accepted Jn° Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honble the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay —

The Petition of Jacob Bailey of Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln in said State Clerk humbly Shews

That your Petitioner has been a minister of the Gospel in said Pownalborough for more than Eighteen years past, & has received his chief Support from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts. That he has not been able to procure any Part of his Sallary from said Society for three years past, & his Parishioners (mostly poor Germans) so much reduced in these difficult Times as to be able to afford him scarce any Assistance, by which Means your Petitioner is reduced to such Poverty & Distress as frequently & for a considerable Time to be destitute of even the Necessaries as well as the Comforts of Life: & has been obliged to dispose of allmost all his moveable Effects to support himself to this Time.

Your Petitioner, having not the least Prospect of getting Bread for his Family, & seeing nothing before him in the Eastern Parts of this State but meagre Famine & absolute Suffering for the Necessaries of Life, Prays your Honours that he may have Liberty to depart with his Family (consisting only of his Wife & Infant Babe) to some Part of Nova Scotia, and to carry what few effects he has left, the whole not amounting to one Hundred Dollars, & consisting of a few necessary Articles of Furniture — And as your Petitioner is exempted by Law from doing military Duty & paying any Tax, his Abode in these States can be of no possible Advantage to them but rather a Burden, & his going to Nova Scotia may put it in his Power to receive the Sallary due to him & probably enable him to get Bread for himself & Family. He therefore prays your Honours Consideration of his extreme necessitous and distressing Circumstances, that you will be pleased to grant him Liberty to depart to some Part of the Government of Nova Scotia by the most convenient Opportunity —

And as in Duty bound he will ever pray &c —

Jacob Bailey

Boston July 28 1778

State of the Troops, Indians & Other Persons in the Service of the United States, Under the Command of Colo. John Allan, Continental Agent & Commander Inchief of the Indians Eastern Department, Stationed at and for the Defence of Machias, in the State of Massachusetts Bay — July 31st 1778

Field Officers 1 Colonel, 1 Major. Commissioned officers; Artillery Company 1 Lieut; Capt. Robbin's Compy 1 Captain, 2 Lieuts. Indian Troops 1 Captain, 1 Lieut. Indian Chiefs & Captains 3. On Board the Arm'd Schooner Meresheete 1 Captain. Staff Officers: Artillery Company, 1 Conductor of Artillery, 1 Commisy, 1 Quar Master; 1 Surgeon. [Others] 1 Serjent-Major. Artillery Company; 1 Serjent, 1 Corporal, 1 Bumbadier, 1 Gunner, 9 Drums & fifes, 21 Privates. Capt. Robbin's Compy; 2 Serjents, 1 Drum & fife, 18 Privates. Indian Troops; Privates 100. On Board the Arm'd Schooner Meresheete; Privates, 3. Employ'd for Public Services; Cariers 3.

Total Present: Field and Staff Officers & 1 Serjent Major, 6. Artillery Company 29. Capt. Robbin's Compy 24. Indian Troops 105. On Board the Meresheete 4. Employed for Public Services 3.

Deserters: Capt. Robbins Compy, 4. Prisoners with the Enemy: Capt. Robbins Compy 1 Private, Indian Troops 1 Lieut, Schooner Marisheete 1 Capt., 2 Privates, Employed for Public Services 1.

Total; Field, Staff Officers &c 6. Artillery Company 29. Capt. Robbins Compy, 29. Indian Troops 106. Schooner Meresheete 7. Employed for Public Services 4.

Machias July 31st 1778

A True & Authentic State from the Different Returns
By order of the Comg Officer

Jas Avery Secy

An Estimate of Provisions Necessary for the Troops, Indians &c at Machias from July 31st to Decr 1: 78

[Here follows a list of provisions.]

Machias July 31st 1778

J. Allan Continental Agent & Commandr in Chief of Indians Eastern Department —

The Commandg Officer haveing Isued Orders for the State & Expenditure of the Provisions in this Department & upon Examination the following is a True & Authentic Return —

[Here follows a list of provisions received and one of provisions borrowed &c.]

Stephen Smith Commissary.

Examined & approved of by J. Allan Cg Offr

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council of sd State

Nathan Jones humbly shews that being by a late Resolve of the General Court of this State ordered to appear, with William Tupper Deputy Sheriff for the County of Lincoln, before the said General Court or in their Recess before the sd Council of this State to answer to such matters & things as were alleged against them by Ivory Hovey in two Petitions &c &c he humbly prays your Honours to admit him to a hearing by Council in the premisses, & that your Honors would take such order thereon as law & Justice Requires & he as in Duty bound shall ever pray —

Nathan Jones

In Council July — 1778 Read & Ordered that Daniel Hopkins and Saml Baker Esqrs be a Committee to consider this Petition and the Papers accompanying the same & report what may be best to be done thereon

Jno Avery Dy Secy

Machias Aug. 1 1778

May it Please your Honors.—

In Consequence of my appointment to raise a number of men to be Stationed at Machias, for the Defence of the Eastern Part of this State. I repaired east with all Convenient Dispatch on that Business, where with much Difficulty, and great expence, I have not been able to Raise any number of men, any way equal to that Granted by your Honors for this Station, as you will see by the returns Transmitted by Col° Allan.—

Conscious, that I have Persued every Prudent Method, I thought requisite to Procure men for the good & Honor of the Service, but all has Proved ineffectual, not from any dislike they have of the Service, but Purely from Necesaty, being obliged to tarry at home to take Care of their distressed Familys, the incouridgement given being so small, as not to be any ways equal to Supporting themselves, much less affording any Relief to their Familys.

Many along the Shore have been so inconsiderate as to Make this observation to me while on the business, that why should they ingage to go from home, for so inconsiderable A Compensation as is given the soldiers, when they can tarry at home & Receive more than twice the incouridgement,

this is a dispicable Principle and argument, to Make use of among a free People, but such is the Necessitious Situation of this eastern Country, as makes it in a great Degree excusable.

For Particulars Relating to this Department, I must Refer your honors to Col° Allans letters, who is a Gentleman that has been indefatigable in his business with the Indians, which has terminated to his utmost wishes, has likewise taken every Prudent Step, for the honour of the States and the Security of his Country.

I have the honor to be with Due Respect your Honors Most obedient Humble serv^t— George Stillman

To the Honble the Council and the Honble the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in general Assembly convened Humbly Shew

The Subscribers, who were chosen Select Men & Assessors for the Town of Sanford for the year 1778. That a Tract of land of eight Mile square formerly called Philipstown in the County of York was in the year 1768 Incorporated into a Town by the Name of Sanford. Soon after which a Valuation of the Estates Real and Personal of persons Resident therein was taken, and Taxes from the State and County have from that Time to this been laid upon them, and like assesments of Men & other matters for Supporting the present War.

That your Petitioners have lately heard that a New Town has been lately ordered, by the Name of Coxhall, which takes away a Considerable part of the Lands and Inhabitants from Sanford Viz a Slice of land Two mile and Three quarters of a mile one way & Six miles the other way. That your Petitioners are apprehensive The Incorporation of Coxhall, was done either, thro' some misinformation, or not having proper knowledge of its taking such a Slice from Sanford as to leave the Residue in an Irregular form. Your Petitioners are further Confirmed in this Supposition, as the Town of Sanford were not notified of this Incorporation until Since it was effected, and as your Petitioners have been informed (for they have not as yet Seen the Act Incorporating Coxhall) There is no Provision made respecting the paiment of Taxes already assessed.

Your Petitioners would further represent that one of the Select men & assessors, lives in that Part of the Town that is said to be Incorporated, by the name of Coxhall: which renders the duty of your Petitioners doubtfull. For whether the Select man that lives in that part, called Coxhall has any Power to proceed in taking a Valuation, agreeable to a late

Act of State, or to adjust the other two in other Town Business: and if he has not Whether the two that Remain, are legally Authorized to proceed without him and they would further Suggest that a difficulty will arise of the same kind in assessing the State Tax, and whether any part of it can be now assessed upon those Inhabiting Coxhall, and whether your Petitioners may not be involved in difficultys for the assesments already made for as they are not ascertained of the time Coxhall was Incorporated, they may have assessed a Tax since that Time. Wherefore as there has been as yet no meeting called of the Coxhall People under the new Incorporation they would Suggest for the Reasons before mentioned & Such others as may naturally arise upon the Facts, the Inexpediency of diminishing the Town of Sanford of any of its few Inhabitants for the present, or at least to Suspend the Operation of the s^d^ Incorperation of Coxhall so far as it laps in upon Sanford till a future Period. And give such explicit directions respecting the premises, that your Petitioners may be Enabled to do their duty without Danger or Distraction.

Morgan Lewis Phinehas Thompson Daniel Gale Selectmen for Sanford for 1778

Sanford Augt 3^d^ 1778

In Council June 3^d^ 1779 Read & thereupon Ordered — That Oliver Prescot Esqr with such as the Honble House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition and the Papers Accompanying the Same, hear the Parties & report what may be proper to be done thereon —

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D^y^ Sec^y^

In the House of Representatives June 3 1779 Read & concurred & Maj^r^ Cross & Capt Bragdon are join'd

John Hancock Spk^r^

Machias August 4th 1778

Sir, My hurry of business, and no Certain Conveyance happening, prevented the Honble Board of being Informed of many perticulars, having only wrote suddenly on present business as it Turned up.—

I have detained the Meresheete sometime longer than I intended, on account of some of the Enemys Cruisers being along shore, & being in want of some of her Assistance this way.—

I presume it may not be improper to mention some matters respecting the supplys this way, which have Come Down.—

By Mr Avery who arrived here the 14th June, I received from the board of War, an Invoice of perticulars, with the prices and Expences arrising. It is not for me to say upon what principle the procurers of these Matters were Actuated, Or what difficultys they met with in geting them, but the debt to the States is most Intollerable, and Such as must make every honest Inclined person to Shudder who has the management of Public business, some of the Articles are charged 1800 ₱ Ct and the most 15 & 1600 from the Sterling Cost.—

I am not unacquainted with the prices in Great Britain, as well as the Situation of their Trade & Manufactures. There is cloths come down which at the dearest time not above 5/ Sterling in England charged £5. Shirts the Linnen of which never known above 10d ₱ Yard, not more than 3¼ yds in Each shirt, Charged £3,—Every other Article Charged Equivilent, Except Two whail Boats, which are under Valued.—

I am very clear that had I been tolerated to procure an Assortment from Nova Scotia, a few Hundred pounds more than what the Congress has Transmited, woud have been of more real advantage to the Indians & Secured their Interest far Easier than £20,000 in this manner for many things are of the most Inferior Sort.—

Most of the Assential matters ordered by Court are not come down, not one Hatt sent since last Summer, this is more to an Indian than all the rest, I have been Compelled to Satisfy them, to take from my friends & Acquaintances for to Supply,— the Honble Board will observe that these failures must Deminish my Credit among the Indians, and many abuses & Insults I receive as being the Author.—

I must acquaint the Honble Board that the Different Excursions I have made this season, replacing the Provisions Borrow'd during the winter, & the very great demands during this Summer, has mostly Exhausted what Came Down in the Spring, Powder is greatly Consumed by the repeated Demands of Indians, & some Expended in rejoicing Upon several Occations, which must be keep'd up among the Indians, a Quantity of the Powder is Intirely useless — The Honble Board & House of representatives Shoud Consider the detach'd Situation of this Department, the Exact Calculation for the number of persons Intended for this part is Insufficient, the Indians flock in from all parts, more Women & children who's wants is great and no ways Steady & Certain, there is no refusing Victuals, for affronting one is Anough, for the whole Body, many persons Public & Private passes this way some in the most Distressing situation the Indigency of the place is such they must perresh if no assistance from me,— many Contengences daily arises, which the Service must be much Impaired if not done, for which some Aid in provision must be given, Prisoners of War, Deserters & Torys often under Confinement in British Garrisons where I have seen the Strictest Eaconemy, one third more than was appearently wanting was Always Laid in.—

I Endeavour'd the last Winter to Calculate as Low as Possible for the Indians, both for Provisions and Necessarys, for their Service, far below what the Indians & me Confered upon and 200 p C^{t} Short of what the French allowed, the Court thought proper to allow but one third of this, & a

Resolve passed the Honble the Gen[l] Court the 10th Last March upon that, & that there was no more than 100 Indians to be Taken into the Service, upon such an Establishment, as I tho' they merited & return it to Court. In Answer to this the Honble Board will please observe that this 100 fighting men will produce 400 to Support, which I have repeatedly mentioned.— Besides there is many Coming in & Going Declaring they must be the same as they that Attends & Allways ready for Action, shoud I refuse them, they are of such a Hospitable make among themselves, that those that has will give to the last, to those Distitute, & when out they must have more which if refused Confusion takes place with some & others immediately goes of.—

As to the Bountys, Cloathing and the Like, It is well Known they are utterly Carless of what they have, Continually about the Woods, or in Common recreation Tearing Leggins Coats Blankets & Shirts, in Pieces, & the badness of the Cloaths keeps up a perpetual demand, they are Contented when well Cloathed and fed if ever so trifling, but if in want of the Least Trifle their Clamour is Intollerable, the Greatest part of what they receive, I charge in their Private Acc[ts] & often Acquaint them with what they have received so as to be Equal when they talk of Obligations, as to Settling any Certain pay for the present is fabulous, as it will Occation many Evils, for once they know they are in debt, they think it a Check or restraint, which will immediately Occation an uneasiness & a Speedy departure often takes place,— so the only way to Keep them along wavering & Trusting them as Necessity requires & making Necessary Appologys if to forward, for once they Get to Like a person they Look on him as a Nurse & Confides in what he says. Provisions I allow as I find their dispositions is to receive sometimes more & sometimes Less, which may be seen by the Different Returns.

It appears by the Resolve of Court that there is a Discretionary Power Given to Order Provisions for the White

Troops, but a premtory resolve respecting the Indians, I Humbly Conceive that it woud have been better the resolves had been reversed, as the former Can be managed on one Certain plan, and the other (as before mentioned) upon no perticular rule whatever, the Indians have allready taken more then their proportion of what has Come Down. The Situation of our affairs are such in this Department, that it woud be very Difficult and make much Confusion to keep several Accounts, Capt Smith being Commissary for the whole & having Various & Diff^{t} Articles both for Whites and Indians, when one or other of the Departments is in want I send to Capt Smith if he has it in Possession, which he Charges so as to be Accountable for the whole in General & myself for such perticuler Transactions.—

To make an Accurate Estimate is very Difficult, all I Can say in Justess to my Intentions & Designs & the Service of my Country, that I will do the best I can to Keep them with as Little Expence as Possible to the Public.—

I Trust the Honble Board will Take this matter under immediate Consideration and order such Necessary additions of Supplys to the Commissary if intended to Keep up this Department, and to prevent those fatal Consequences which may happen in this part of the United States of America if Omitted.—

On the 1st Ins^{t} a news paper came to hand, that had the Resolve of the Congress for the regulation of the Army, I ordered the Provision return to be made up to the 31st July and shall duely follow the methods prescribed therein, respecting Provisions. I think it a very good System, however its something of a hardship in this Department at this Time, for it is impossible any thing Can be procured here for money which Consequently will prevent an Officer appearing in a Suitable Character of Life, for he Can have nothing but his ration, by which he has it not in his Power to ask a Stranger to break Bread if ever so much in Distress.—

By this opport^y I send a State of the Provisions on hand & how consum'd by which the Honble Board will see by the Ballance, which remains at hand belonging to the States,— I have detained in the Stores a very Considerable Quantity more which belongs to Some I Borrowed, & others, tho' the whole Cannot Last five Weeks at the Utmost Extent.—

I have sent an Imperfect Estimate of what is wanting to support this Department, till fall, which if Keep'd up must be sent, I have Calculated as Low as my Duty to the Service will admit, there is a far greater Number than is mentioned, who by Treating Properly has been the means of Protecting these parts from the Depredations of the Enemy. I have allso Added to the Estimate some Articles which is absolutely Necessary & requeste shoud be sent for the benefit of the States, in this Department.—

I have allso sent a mem^o of the Defficiencys ordered by Court Last Spring which I doubt not the Honble Board will give Directions to be forwarded without Loss of Time, they are much wanted.— I am clear a much Greater Quantity will very soon be Wanted, but for reasons hereafter mentioned, I shall Defer for the present.— But shoud any more be sent, I shall use it with that Eoconemy the Difficulties of the Times requires.—

I have allso sent the Pay Rolls for the Artillery & them Employ'd in Indian Service &c which I doubt not will be Agreeable & Payment ordered Accordingly.—

Capt Smith Collected a Considerable Quantity of Furrs at Passamequody & this Place, I have ordered him to Ship them by this opportunity.—

As to the Truck House, It appears by a Resolve of the Honble the General Court that it is to be under the management of the Continental Agent to be by him Solely Conducted.

After the supplys ordered by Court is Compleated (a great part being not yet come) I shall request no more till I Com-

municate these matters to Congress, nor woud I Desire what is Defficient, was there the Least Glimpse of doing without it, I had no Idea of such Impositions of Dealers, that the few things sent here, shoud amount to so Enormous a Sum, for so Little Business, well may fault be found at the Expence of this Department, for I must Acknowledge I am Ashamed to think I have been the means of such Expenditure.

I must further observe (by Humble Permission) to the Honble Board that when Resolves passes the Honble Court for Supplys, that the Service is much retarded by the Dilatoryness of some who are Intrusted to supply, I am intirely unacquainted with this methode of the Urgin the Discharge of a Duty of this Kind and of so much Importance, any person in the service here Cannot be Spared to Attend on such business with propriety, when they do are often Treated with Insulting and abusive Language Derogatory to the Honour of the Service & an Indignity on their Commission.

I must request the Meresheete may not be detain'd, but as Short a Time as Possible,— The Distance which Messrs Cross Lives from Boston & their hurry of Bussiness at Court, I have Desired Francis Shaw Senr Esqr to Negotiate & Expidate this matter, he will wait on the Honble Board whom I pray may give him Directions on this, or such other Person as they think proper. The Difficulty of Geting matters for the Meresheete & the Detention often Occationed by it, obliges me to request the Honble Board, to admite her to receive any Necessary from Public Stores, she is most Serviceable here in running to Diff^t^ Places among Indians & Else where,— we Keep Constant Guard on Board when in the River & Keep her Men on the list with the Troops for Supplys here, which is a presumption of my own, which I think Necessary for the Service & hoop to the Satisfaction of the Honble Board.—

I shall if Possible by this Opportunity Communicate to the

Honble Board the Different movements in this Department during this Season, in Another Letter

I have the Honor to be with the Utmost Duty & respect Sir your most Obedient & Devoted Hble Servt

J Allan

P. S. I have been as Carefull as Possible of the Medicines but a Great deal is Expended, severel men has been Indisposd & some unhappy Accidents, which has put us to difficultys to procure some necessarys, allso Instruments a List of what is wanted will go By this Oppo As I am unacquanted, I woud have it Left to some Surgeon to send what may be necessary & usefull, which shall be taken Care of.—

In Council Sepr 17, 1778 Read & thereupon Ordered that Joseph Simpson & Oliver Prescot Esqrs be a Committee with such as the Honble House shall appoint to take into Consideration this Letter with the Papers accompanying the same & report what may be proper to be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Sept. 17th 1778 Read & concurred & Maj. Cress, Coll. Johnson & Mr Ingalls are joined. John Pickering Spkr

The Honble Jeremiah Powel Esqr President of the Honble the Council Board of the State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honourable Council and the Honourable House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

Petition of Danl Sullivan and order thereon directing the Board of War to deliver him 100 Bushels of Corn August 5th 1778.

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.—

The Petition of Daniel Sullivan of Frenchmans Bay Humbly Sheweth

That the Honble Board of War have furnished your petitioner with a Sloop, to go on the Coasting Business to the Eastward & back to bring up Wood Lumber and Fish, which will be more easily procured from the Inhabitants there if we can carry down Corn to them, as they are in great distress for Want of Bread.

That the Honble Board of War have got Corn by them, and are willing to Supply your petitioner with a quantity, if your Honors will please to Order the same

He Therefore humbly prays your Honors would be pleased to Order the said Board of War to Supply your petitioner with a Quantity of Corn for the purpose aforesaid, for which he will pay in the Articles aforesaid, upon his return the first Trip

And as in duty bound will pray &c

Boston Augst 5, 1778 Danl Sullivan

In Council Aug. 5, 1778 Read & Ordered That the Board of War be and they are hereby directed to deliver to Daniel Sullivan for the Use of the Inhabitants of Frenchman's Bay One hundred Bush^{ls} Corn — if it can be possibly spared — he paying for the same

read & Accepted Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay. The Petition of Francis Shaw in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Township of Gouldsborough — Humbly Shews —

that your Petitioner was authorized by said Inhabitants to represent to the Honble General Court their distressed situation for want of Bread, not knowing the Hon^{ll} House of Representatives was adjourned, He therefore prays your

Honors would be pleased to take their very Distressed situation, (many of them Intirely destitute of Bread for a month past) into your wise & Compassionate Consideration, and Grant them such Relief as in your wisdom you may think proper, for which your Petitioner is ready to give his Security in behalf of said Distress'd Inhabitants and as in duty bound will ever pray —

Boston 5 August 1778

Francis Shaw

In Council Augst 7th 1778 — Read & Ordered That the Board of War be and they are hereby directed to deliver to Francis Shaw Esqr or his Order, One Hundred bushels Indian Corn for the use of the distressed Inhabitants of the Township of Goldsboro' in the County of Lincoln — if it can be possibly spared — said Shaw to be accountable for the same

read and Accepted

Wm Baker jun^{r} D^{y} S^{y} P : T :

State of Massachusetts Bay —

To the Hon Council and Hon. House of Representatives of said State — in General Court Assembled September 1778

John Colley Jun, Moses Adams Joseph Field Samuel Watts and Peter Bacheldor

Humbly shew, That at the Time of the burning the Town of Falmouth on the 18th October 1775, They with the assistance of Andrew Hall, Luke Worster, Richard Stubbs John Grafferd and Samuel Rinds, entered the Town in order to save what effects they cou'd for the distress'd Owners — That they did at the risque of their Lives, recover from the Flames, a considerable quantity of Goods which they deliver'd to the Owners without Fee or Reward —

That afterwards they preserved from the House of Francis Waldo, an Absentee, while it was on fire, and while the Shot from the Enemy's Ships came rattling through it, a small quantity of Goods belonging to him a Schedule of which is hereunto annexed — These Goods were carried to the House of one of your Petitioners about eight Miles off, after having been first placed at a smaller distance, where great care was taken to have them secured from ill dispos'd Persons, who were not wanting even at such a distressing time, to add Loss upon Loss to the unhappy Sufferers. —

That your Petitioners gave Public Notice of their securing the Goods so saved — but no Body applied to receive them (except the Committee of the Town, to whom your Petitioners wou'd have deliver'd them, for a reasonable satisfaction for their Exertion in saving them, which they did not incline to give) until some time last month, when Mr Thomas Child lately appointed Agent to said Waldos Estate made application for them — But your Petitioners considering they were exposed to suffer and did suffer much damage and honestly judging that the value of them wou'd not more than compensate them for the Risque Trouble & Expence they were at in saving and securing them, had some time before relinquishd a part thereof — viz about one half to the other Persons abovenamed for their Trouble &c; three of whom are gone out of the State —

These things being consider'd, and moreover that the Goods were taken from the House at so dangerous a time that all hopes of the Inhabitants in saving anything further was taken away — insomuch that it was given out by some of them that any Body might have what they would venture to save, and that the Nett proceeds of them, shou'd it be thought they were worth more than was sufficient to compensate them for saving them — and for the trouble they have since had with them wou'd be very inconsiderable, and

of little consequence to the State — and further that the said Waldo has a large real Estate in the Town — whereby the demands upon him — shou'd there be any — might be answered — Your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honours wou'd direct the Agent aforesaid to discontinue any further Claim to the said Goods or such part thereof as your Honours in your great Goodness shall think proper — or otherwise relieve them And as in Duty bound they will ever pray John Colley Jur

Falmouth, August 7, 1778.

Moses Adams Samuel Watts Joseph Field Peter Bachelder

4 Feather Beds 2 Mill'd Blankets 3 pair of Sheets 3 or 4 pair of old Stockings 1 Brass Kettle that will hold a Pail of Water 1 D° that will hold 6 or 8 D° 2 p^r Tongs 1 Fire Shovel Handle 1 p^r of old Andirons — 2 old Mens Coats — 2 or 3 old Jackets 1 p^r of old Breetches — Some old white Shirts or parts of Shirts 4 or 5 Looking Glasses — 1 Case of 15 small Bottles, — of which 2 were lost 2 or 3 Tin Potts
N B. one of the Beds was worth hardly any thing

Falmouth August 7, 1778.

John Colley Junr — Moses Adams, Samuel Watts and Joseph Field, made Oath to the Truth of the Facts set forth in the foregoing Petition

Before me Saml Freeman Just Peace

The Committee appointed upon the Petition of John Colley & others have attended that service and beg leave to report, that it appears to them just & equitable that the goods mention'd in the Schedule annexed & any others saved from the fire be delivered to Thomas Child the Agent on Francis Waldos Estate & that the said Child pay the Petitioners a reasonable allowance for their trouble & Risque

Joseph Burrell p order

Machias 8th of August 1778

Gentlemen

Your of 29th of May Came safe by Lieut Avery, with the Supplies from time to time Agreeable to the invoice,— the two First Cargoes that Came I found on Delivery they fell short Much more than could be expected, Being Markd at 240 lb each, the Beef being also on the Decline I procured a Cooper, who being Sworn, Reported thirty Seven Barrels which fell Short 286 lb of the Quantity invoiced.

The last Quantity has not been Reported but I find it is marked 50 lb Short of what it is invoiced at. The flour many barrills are Much Damaged, at the head, & Sides of the Barrils —

I have Shiped by this opportunity, a Considerable Quantity of Moose hides, furs &c, to Mr Devens agreeable to the order of Court.—

You may Depend Gentlemen on my accounts being kept so particular, as to be Prepared for a Settlement, when ever Call on.

I have the Honor to be &c Stephen Smith

Honble Board War Boston.

Machias August 9th 1778

Sir,

The Marisheete being Necessarily Detained (tho very Disagreeable to me as it prolonged Time for the Information of the Honble Board) gives me an oppertunity of writing further on matters respecting this Department.

The 26th June I wrote the Honble Board of my Intending for Passamequody as it was the place I intended to Keep the Indians if no necessity for them here, as the Expence to the States would be much less.

A Short time before this I received very perticular & Certain Intillegence from Halifax & other parts of Novia Scotia

the designs of the Enemy on these parts & their determination to make another Vigerous attempt to Gain the Indians, Sieze myself by some Stretagem and Distroy as many places this way as Possible.— It was keep'd a profound Secret, but by some family Connections from the Communication with Government, I received it without doubt & keep'd it a secret myself from every person,— Accordingly to put this plan in the Execution the Sloops How & Gage were prepared & Sent Round Cape Seblesara Convoy with some merchantmen, there were to have a body of Light Land Forces & as Exegencies required to Consult & Cooperate with Ships Stationed up the Bay & Such others as might Occationally fall in.

Having duely Considered this matter & the Defenceless State of this place in regard to Troops I Determined (as before) to push for Passamequody, Collect all the Indians togeather & raise them for War. In Consequence of which I sailed the 28th from this in the Marisheete having put all the Guns on Board, with Twenty Men, allso Capt Smith with Supplys from the Truck House & Stores as Commissary for Indians.

On the 1st July I arrived at St Andrews on the heart of Passamequody Bay where the Indians were Incamp, the same day to my Great Joy as well as the Indians Arrived Mr Delesdernier, with agreeable News that Gave me a Great advantage in treating with the Indians, Immediately Called Council, (as they call it) Communicated the News Interprated their Letters from the Honble Board, Deliverd them Strings of Wampum as Customary, & Every thing Ended to mutual Satisfaction, in the afternoon sent the Marisheete back to Machias for more Stores hearing that a Number more Indians were near at hand.

I then addressed the War Captains presenting Each a madle (Having procured Several for the purpose) as a Token

of Friendship & for a Distinguished Badge for their former Conduct, which they received and was Saluted by all,— I then addressed them again, presenting Each a Small Sword which I delivered to them in behalf of the Commander in chief to Defend their right & Libertys from the attempts & Insults of a Cruel & Blood Thirsty Enemy and to Secure these Invaluable Blessings to their most Distant Posterity,— a General Aclemation was Given as a Token of their Assent when another Salute in a very Solemn & Affecting manner Took place,— We had then some matters Settled respecting Trade.

After all was finished I ordered the Stores open for Trade, their Bountys given them & a Quantity of Provisions.

The 6th the Marisheete returned & that Evening, received word that a Sloop Like a Wood Coaster, was of the Islands, sent of Two Birch Canoes with Indians who returned without Seeing any thing.

On the 7th I sent another Canoe Down to Keep a Look out, about 3 O'Clock P. M. two of the Inhabitants of Passamequody Came up & Bro't a Letter from the Capt of a Barmodian Sloop, praying for my protection from the Small Privateers that he had come for a Load of Lumber, Desired my advice how he shoud proceed, I must freely acknowledge from the Simplicety which appeared in the Letter & the Behavour of the Two Men, I was to Credilous & Beleaved it all True, & upon the first reflection foreign from that proper Guard every Soldier, shoud be upon in such Critical Situation, I intended to have gone that way, as an Excursion was proposed by the Indians in the Morning,— but Kind Providance was more favourable & at the Expence of the Captivity of others, Toock me to be more Critical & Observing, in this Time,— Upon the whole I tho't it not Prudent, and Sent Capt Dyer, Lieut Delesdernier & four others in the Boat with their Arms, to Inspect their papers, make a

thorough Inquiry & bring the Vessell Up — they went along side Ty'd the Boat, when it appeared to be the How Sloop Capt Flarson having on Board seventy Men.

The Tide of flood making early in the Morning of the 8th & the Boat not Coming I became Satisfied that there was some Trap, sent Down a Canoe but Coud not Discover any Vessell,— about 10 O'Clock, I set of by myself with Twenty Indians Expecting to meet with them some where about the Island,— soon after I met with a Boat who bro't Intelligence the Sloop went out Early in the morning, & that one John Frost of Passamequody was pilot, I sent of Twelve Indians to Take up all the Men at Frosts House & returned myself to St Andrews

In the afternoon the Indians returned bringing said Frost & three others, was Informed of it being the How, they Had struck her Topmast, flying Jibb Boom, Took in every matter whatever more than three sails, which they put on Board a small Prize Schooner, that their sole Business was for me, but afraid to Come up where the Meresheete Lay on Account of the Indians.

At 12 o'Clock at Night I sett of with a Number of Indians Expecting I might see something of them, as it was Calm all Day & woud Take some Time to gete Topmast, Sails &c up,— I went to the farthermost harbour but found nothing of them.

On the 10th I wrote Major Studholm, proposing an Exchange for some British officers & Soldiers Taken by Capt Rogers in a small Privatier,— Same Day had a Conference with the Indians & made several presents.

Having a Considerable Quantity of furs, & the Schooner having sprung one of her masts, I thought it most Prudent with the advice of Capt Smith to get her & the States property Back as fast as Possible, I was Determined Myself to see her sound as I was Jealous the Sloop wou'd be looking

out accordingly Took 11 Indians & four Birch Canoes & intended if nothing Else Coud be done to run her a Shore Defend or Burn her.

12 O'Clock at Night we Sailed, next day Coud not git out for the foggy weather, the 12th a Man Came on Board & Acquainted us that the Sloop was Cruising of the Passage we Intended to go out at, I sent Canoes for Discovery which did not see her,— Same Day Examined the Prisoners hearing several Evidences,— I Dismissed one, Bound two of them & John Frost I bro't & have him now a Prisoner, we Arrived at Machias that Night.

On the 14th Ambroise, with the Two Curriors I sent some time ago among the Micmacs Arrived had a Conference thereupon,—three Strings of Wampum, one from the Civil Chiefs, one from the Warriors to the United States, and one for the King of France Welcoming him into this Country and as an Ally of America,— they Declared their Zeal & Attachment, But their Situation was such they Coud not Act then, but was ready when Called upon to Take up the Hatchet, every part appeared the most favourable as to their Peacafic Disposition Towards the States.

The 15th Ambroise & Men set of for Passamequody at the Entrence of the Harbour Lay the Gage & How, they fired upon the Canoes, Chased them a shore took most of what the Indians had, the old man by himself Took the Woods (no amunition but a little Shott & Powder) suffered greatly Being very Infirm.

The 21st Three Micmacs as Deputys Arrived In order to Communicate Different Matters, & to Know for Certainty how things were Going this way, some other Indians & Englishmen arrived the Same Time, I received Certain Intillegence of the Designs of the Gage & How, who were to Cruise along shore, and to Distroy where they Saw an Opportunity offer, tho their Chief Aim was for Machias. In Consequence of

this advice I wrote Circular Letters to the Diff^{t} Committees along shore to be on their guard.

By advices of Several persons (tho' Determined before with myself) I ordered all the Indians to repair to Machias & Sent Capt Preble on the 22^{d} for the purpose.

The 23^{d} Two Indians arrived with Capt Hally burton master of a Schooner Belonging to Nova Scotia which was at Passamequody for a Load of Boards, the Indians Took Possession of the Schooner as a Prize, Their Behavior in this matter Deserves applause, Behaved with the greatest Humanity & Politeness to the Prisoners,— I ordered the Vessell round, she arrived the 27th and is now hauled up,— by this oppertunity shall have her Libelled for the Captors, By them we rec^{d} Intelligence of five Large Vessells being of the Mouth of the Harbour, which roused us a Little, same Day rec^{d} Intelligence of the Gage & How Distroying Naskegg.

The 30th had a gen^{l} Conference with the St Johns, Passamequody, micmac & severell from Penobscut, when I acquainted them of past matters & Delivered a message to the Micmacs allso a long Letter, the Treatys Between the States & france which had been published & every other matter of any Consequence,— I Demanded of them to thro' aside that Indolence & Lethergic Spirit, & to rouse to be ready when Called upon,— a Genl Decleration was made by all, that they were ready on the shortest Notice, after which we had a festival (& every thing Concluded to Satisfaction.

Augt 4th Capt Hally burton Petitioned the Committee & myself, & Backed Strongly by the Indians to Let him Return Home, his Warm Attachment to the American Interest in Nova Scotia, the Difficult Situation of a Large family & many other Circumstances, appearing, he was Tolerated to go on Perole.

This morning I rec^{d} Express from the St Johns Indians, who were Assembled to the Number of 25 familys & Daily

Coming in agreeable to a Previous Command of mine sometime ago, for them to Quit Connections with Britain, they sent word they were ready for Action, that they had Siezed a Sloop from Halifax, took out Several things, such as amunition & Some Cloathing, dismissed her & ordered that no more of the Kings Vessells must Come up the River, they Desired to know what they were further to do, woud be glad that the fort might be Attacked, as it was now very Weak, allso that another Message had Come from the Micmacs & those on the head of St Johns & Confines of Canada, were all ready to assemble when ordered,—This is in general respecting the Indians, shoud any Enterprize be set upon Either to Canada or Nova Scotia, & they be wanting I shoud be glad of timely Notice.

I have not been so Sanguine about Pushing into Nova Scotia as now, & I am very clear from the Situation of matters in that Country, that 200 good Smart Troops under proper Decipline, with the Indians, woud be of Infinate Service to Penatrate Previous to an Expedition shoud one be intended, Had I but 40 Men to spair with the Indians I shoud be presumptive anaugh to make a Tryal on the fort at St Johns.

It is a Great Pity preparations was not made in the Spring, to have Troops Stationed here to Act as Exegencys might require, it woud have been of the Utmost advantage in subduing places & bringing to obediance, woud prevent those heavy & Immodrate charges which so often arises when Necessity obliges to Act Suddenlly.

The small Encouragement given by the Honble Court, men Cannot be raised, we are full in the Artillery men, but the other not one Quarter, the former I shoud not have gote had I not given some more Encouragement myself in Procuring Cloathing.

I sincerely wish that it was in my power to Acquaint the

Honble Board that the Fort at Rhym was more forward, the want of Utencials is such that no work can be carryed on — I shall Try to do something next Week.

I woud further mention that the Indians are prodigiously roused, thro' every Tribe. War seems to be the Cry from all Quarters,— if supplys Does not git along, I expect to be very much harrassed, for I am assured a great Number will be this way,— if service Coud be gone upon it would be worth while to have it soon, for they will be of more use now while their minds are prepared.

The How & Gage is still cruising, the Albany lays at St John's the Scarboro at Anapolis,— 4 or 5 small Cutters cruising the Bay,— I am not out of apprehension that they will make some Desperate Attack somewhere on the Coast.

I have 14 men which come from St Johns several more gone to the Westward,— In the Meresheete goes some of the Poarchmouths men who fled from the Sloop How, Two frenchmen belonging to a Ship from France Driven on Cape Sable Last spring, & several others who fled from Halifax.

I sincerely Congratulate the Honble Board on the great & Important Negociations at the Court of France, the Victory gained by our Allusterous General & the Arrival of Count D'Estang, may all Tirminate in a final & Solid Peace thro' the Continent

I have the Honour to Be with profound Respect

Y Most Obd very hbl ser

J Allan

Machias Augt 10th 1778

Sir, This goes by the Armed Schooner Meresheete with returns of the State of this Department, Expecting on her return to this place to receive the Difficencys ordered by the

Honble the General Court the Last Spring as the Public Service In this Department has much Suffered by not having such Supplys forwarded.

I have Transmitted to the Honble Council Board the Expenditure of Supplys with an Estimate of what is wanting, my reasons of not applying to the Board of War Agreeable to the resolves of Court, that as the Indians Consumed more than what was ordered & no resolve for more, I presumed it would be most requesit to make Known the Situation to Court before Application was made to the Board of War for any further Supplys

I shall not request any further Supplys for the Truck House more than what has been ordered till I acquant Congress only Provisions, which Necessity obliges me to urge may be with the Utmost Expedition.

On the Arrival of Mr Avery with the Marisheete Capt Smith presented me with the Invoice of the Articles Sent here. I Cannot but say I was astonished many Articles Charged 1800 p^{r} C^{t} from the Sterling Cost & mostly 15 - 16. A Great part of the Dry Goods of the most Inferior Sort. I must Confess that with propriety may it be said this Department has Cost a great sum of money for Little Service.

This will be Deliver'd you by Francis Shaw Esq. who I have wrote to, to see the Business Done in my behalf, tho' I acknowledge it is foreign from the rules I have been accustomed to. You may order him, or Such other persons as you see fit to Expidite the Schooner, as we shall be in Difficulty if not Dispatched so as to return soon.

I must plead Permission at this Time to mention to the respectable Board, my Sorrow for the bad Impression I made on the minds of some Gentlemen, By requesting an Oyl Cloath or a Marque for the Indian Business. I woud Acquaint you Sir that the Gentlemen I wrote to for it misconstrued my Intention, it was to purchase one at my own

Expence, I ment not to Take any thing from the State for any Domistic Use. I found my health Impaired by being forced to Lay out at Night when upon Duty with the Indians so much that I was Necessitated to be more Carefull to Enable me to Discharge the Duty & Trust reposed in me. The Gentleman who apply'd for it I am sensible was Possess'd of such Honor that he supposed it for the Service of the States, (as indeed it was to do their Business) and meant not to appropriate any Public Property to Private use. But to prevent any further Contemptable Language being used respecting it, I will order the Amount to be paid. I Think it charged £95. (in England it never Cost above five guineas at most), or if tho't Best will return it, all my request is that the Respectable Board will Indulge me So far as not to Entertain the thought that I mean to Run the States into more Debt than is Necessary, or to appear in any more Conspicuous a Character then is Just Necessary to Discharge my Duty. I am very respectfully Sir

Your most Obd hbl Servt

J. Allan.

The President of the Board of War for the State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Comasary to the Sea Coast men Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth Pray your Honor to give him a Warrant on the Treasurer for ye sum of Four Hundred Pound to procure Provisions &c for said men & as in Duty Bound shall ever pray

Boston August 16th 1778 Joseph Noyes

In Council Aug. 17, 1778 Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £400 in favour of said Noyes to enable him to supply the Sea Coast Men stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth with necessaries — he to be accountable for the same —

Jn° Avery D^y Sec^y

Falm° Augt 17th 1778

May it please y^r Honours:

Capt Harper informed me the reason you would not find the other bb^l & ullage of pork due to me was, you chose to keep it, for the 19 bb^ls that contained the pork sent by him — he likewise said you declined paying him the Fre^t to Falm°— When I settled my Commiss^y Acc^t with the hon^l Board, they chose to reimburse what I had supplyed the Troops here, in kind, an acc^t of Provisions costing me more than the Price stipulated by the monopoly Bill, they also engaged to deliver them to me at Falm° & accordingly paid the Fre^t of what Flour, bread & beef, was due to me in July 1777, which will appear by my Acc^t settled then — not One bb^l of porke sent by Capt Harper is equal in goodness to that I lent the Board. One in particular I have just tryed at both Heads of the bb^l, & it is very Nasty, (& what is worse), it is 9/10^ths heads & Legs (& they very thin & several bb^ls were of the brawny kind) I should be glad to have it replaced with a good One, and to have what is now due — and the empty bb^ls shall be dld y^r Order, whenever you send —

I remain your Ob^t Servt Wm Frost

the hon^l Board of War

York Ss/ York Augt 17th 1778

Then Mr John Bennet of York Personally appearing Solemnly made Oath That he had Manufactured in York afores^d

Seventy Eight Bushells of Salt, Between the tenth day of July 1777 and the first day of Jany 1778, and that he made and Sold the Same agreeable to the Acts of this State, and has received no bounty therefor

Sworn before Joseph Simpson Jus: Peace

In Council Sep^{t} 7, 1778 Read & Allowed & ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £11 : 14/ in full Discharge of the above Bounty

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Machias Augt 17th 1778

Sir,—

I wrote some days ago by the Schooner Marisheete Inclosing Several papers, soon after her departure I rec^{d} Intillegence of a large Armed Sloop going to the Westward Close in shore the day before the Marisheete Sailed, which makes me very Suspicious She might have fell into their hands,— for fear of which & Considering the Circumstances of this Department for want of Supplys, I send this by Express Via Penobscut, by land, Inclosing Copys of my Letters by the Marisheete,— I must press the Honble Board with every Argument, that they will order the supplys p. Mem^{o} — with the Addition of 500^{lb} Powder, & 600^{lb} Shott,— I find Upon Examination my Calculation for provisions something of a Mistake, There will be wanted 12½ p C^{t} of Provisions more then is therein Mentioned.—

In my Letter of the 9th I acquainted the Honble Board of Some Indians from St John's & of the Assembling of those on the River, I have had another Acc^{t} & their Determination of Doing something, one side or other, as they say the Americans as well as Britains are taking every Step to make money to themselves,— Accordingly I dispatched of Captain Nicholas Howevawas, to take the Command. He is in the first

place to Send a Peremptory order to leave the River, (as p the Inclosed) as allso to send back the Colours which were sent Last Summer to the Indians from Major Studholm now in Possession of Pier Tomma as they were bent upon something I tho't best to Lay my Commands in respect to their Conduct, I ordered not to Interfere with any of the Inhabitants whatsoever, Except a french Accadian, who had taken a Commission from Mr Franklin whom they were to bring Prisoner.

They are to Distroy Cattle &c round the fort, which are for the Use of the Troops, Take Prisoners & Encourage Desertion, several Letters were sent from Deserters here to their Comrades at the Fort.

I Laid Strict Injunctions respecting their Behavour toward people. from their promise as well as what I have Gen^y^ Experienced among them, they will behave as well as any Troops in Points of Humanity.

I am rather forward myself, in this, being Anxious to have something Doing for the Great Expence we are at with them, & Such Excursions are very Pleasing to them & prevent much Trouble.

I Earnestly & Sincerely wish I had a hundred or Two Good Troops at this Juncture, to go in Boats along shore, to Act in Concert with the Indians, the Diff^t^ avenues by Land to the County of Cumberland Coud be Easely secured, which woud Keep that Province in such a flutter & Terror, as to be able Easy to reduce it, & not to Molist the Inhabitants, and woud make an Amazing odds in reguard to the Expences of the Indians

I am Extreemly Sorry small Privatiers are so Encouraged this way, their horred Crimes is to Notorious to pass Unnoticed,— Both the Subjects of the United States as well as the Britains feels the Effects of their Voricious Dispositions,— But the depradations Committed on the Coast of Nova Scotia

is Cruel, Robing the very people who every day are Secreating & Assisting the Unhappy Prisoners Subjects of the States in Giting to the Continent,— Others goes with an Excuse, to rob Certain Torys & to take revenge for Private Injurys, by which Conduct, the poor unhappy Familys there, are Exposed to all the Melicious & Lew'd behavour of Soldiers, Hawled out of their Beds in the Night to Search for people,— It is possible I may feel more resentment in this then others when I consider of my wife & Children Draged from their beds Last Summer & Carryed to the Fort with a Party, Supposing those that were there went from me, when at the same Time I never sent a person, nor Letter to any body whatever in that part of the Country During the whole of my residence here, But what I sent to Public Authority for my family, for fear of these Difficultys, herein it may be preceived that the Innocent suffers with the Guilty.

These persons that goes seem to Defy all Authority, they have generally made some friends or Others to the Westward, some has Licenses, others have Letters of recommendation or some other matter from some persons that are Indulged by Authority,— Others gets old Commissions Altered & Such Partys rising that people are afraid Saying any thing about them, they all Keep from this.

Capt West in Two Whale Boats has Just Returnd from a Cruise up Menas Bason, what he has done is Uncertain, from their Conduct & behavour it is generally supposed they have been burning & Distroying Property,— however it has Occationed much Trouble & Confusion, & Such proceedings the Honble Board may Depend upon, will Occation more Torys than 100 Such Expeditions Woud make Good, by what I Can learn he has Taken some Vessell which he Denies to me,— Capt West brot me his Commission, must Confess I was Astonished to think any person Living under the Protection of the Laws of the States shoud thro' such an

Indignity upon the Resolves of Congress,— The Commission was Isued in 1775 before Independance was Declared, for the Schooner Congress, they have raised out Colonies & put in the States, the Certificate of the Secretary Scratched out in many places,— I told Capt West the Deception, But he Asserted it Came in that manner from the Secretary,— the Asserting such a thing in my Presence, Occations my writing So perticular, as it Surely Effects the Charecter of Mr Avery in his Public Capacity, Capt West has Signify'd much fear to several persons least I shoud take him (which I had not the least tho't of Doing) he promised to Call for my Letters but I understand he has sett of for the Westward —

The selling of Rum to Indians Prevails Greatly & by the Digeneracy of the People there is no bringing persons to Account,— Two Actions has already been sett aside at Pownalboro' Court, for what reasons I Cannot say, I sent word to the Gentleman Acting as States Attorney, time not permiting my Taking suitable Steps myself,— I am at a loss what to do in regard to puting the Law in Execution,— I have only to mention that this Conduct of people, has Distroy'd (& will more) 100 ꝑ C^t^ of the States Interests.

I have the Honour to be with Great Respect Sir Your very hbl serv^t^ J Allan

The Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr President of the Honble Council Board of the State of Mass^a^ Bay

To the British Commanding Officers at the Mouth of the River St John's.

The Chiefs, Sachems, & Young men belonging to the River St Johns duely Considered the Nature of this Great War,

Between Amarica & old England, they are Unanimous, that Amarica is right & old England Wrong.

The River on which you are with your Soldiers belongs from the Most Ancient Times to our Ancestors, Consequently is ours Now, & which we are bound to Keep for our Posterity.

You know we are Amaricans, that this is our Native Country — You Know the King of England with his Evil Councilors has been Trying to Take away the Lands & Libertys of our Country, But God the King of Heaven — Our King fights for us & Says Amarica shall be free, It is now in Spight of all Old England & his Comrades can do.

The Great Men of old England in this Country told us, that the Amaricans woud not Lett us Enjoy our Religion this is false, not True, for Amarica allows every body to pray to God as they Please,— You Know old England woud never allow that, but Says you must all pray like the King & the great Men of his Court, we believe Amarica now is right, we find all True they Told us, For our old Father the King of France takes their part, he is their Friend, he has taken the Sword & will Defend them, Amarica is our friends, our Brothers & Countrymen, what they do we do, what they say we say, for we are all one and the same family.

Now, as the King of England has no bussiness, nor never had any, on this River, we Desire you to go away with your men in Peace, & Take all those Men who has been fighting or Talking against Amarica. If you Dont go Directly, you must take Care of yourself, your Men, & all your English Subjects, on this River for if any or all of you are Killed it is not our faults, for we give you Warning Time Anough to Escape. Adieu for Ever.

Machias Augt 12th

Auke Paque On the River St Johns

August 18th 1778 True Copy

York, August 24th 1778

Sir I have a grateful sense of the Honour & Confidence placed in me by the Supream executive Power in the State, by being appointed a Justice of the Inferior Court of Common pleas, and also Judge of the Probate of Wills &c. in the County of York. The duties of these offices I have endeavoured to discharge ever since my appointment, to the best of my Abilities — But the Infirmities of Age are such (being now turned of Eighty) that it is Expedient the same departments should be Occupied by some body that is more able to discharge the duties to them. I do therefore hereby Signify my Resignation of the said Offices; and all Power and Authority granted to me for holding & exercising the same, and am Sir Your Very humble Servant.

John Bradbury

In Council October 1, 1778 Read & the above Resignation was accepted Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy
Mr Secretary to be Communicated.

State of Massatts Bay

To the Honourable the Council & Honourable House of Representatives of said State in general Court Assembled — We the Subscribers Assessors of the Town of Fryeburg in the County of York, having lately been served with a Copy of a Petition to your Honours of ten of the Inhabitants of Bridgeton, wherein They complain of Their being Assessed by the Town of Fryeburg, and Pray an abatement of the Same,— Also a Copy of a Resolve of the general Court thereon, whereby we have liberty to Shew Cause (if any we have) why the Prayer of their Petition should not be granted &c. We the said Assessors, beg leave to recite the Several Paragraphs of said Petition, in order to make Such Replies thereto, as we think ought to be done, and which we

apprehend will Shew Cause why the Prayer thereof should not be granted.

In the first place (after their Address to your Honours) They Say, "That your Petitioners have lately been Assessed by the "Town of Fryeburg, without any previous Notice, at random, without any Valuation or destinction between Rich & Poor, which your Petitioners look upon as a grievance."

This Paragraph Forces us to Reply, That we are Sorry they have said they had no previous Notice, as thereby, They have obliged us to charge them with a Falsehood. For before we laid any Tax upon them viz on the 26th Day of January 1778, we went to Bridgeton to inform them of our design to do it, when we carried with us, the Tax-Act & Treasurer's Warrant, and Shewed the same to as many of them as we could see (some of those we have Taxed being gon out of their Plantation, we could not shew those Papers to them) in order to convince them our Right to Tax them with the Inhabitants of Fryeburg, and Tarried with them to the 28th of said Month, making the Strictest Inquirey with respect to their Estates and circumstances in life that was in our power, both with regard to those we found at home & those that were absent; And when we had got the best information from the mouths of those we could see, both with respect to their own & absent Neighbour's Estates and circumstances that we could; and having observed, that in the Tax-Act, sundry orders of Men were excused from all Taxation, and after they were particularly pointed out, the Tax-Act says, "And other Persons, if such there be, who, through Age, infirmity, or extreme poverty in the Judgement of the Assessors, are not able to pay towards the Publick Charges, They may exempt their Polls or Estates, or abate part of what they are set at, as they on their oath shall think just and Equitable." We then took the whole matter under Consideration, & as there were fifteen Families in that part

of Bridgeton which is undoubtedly in the County of York; we duly considered their respective Interests, & circumstances in life, according to the Account we had obtained as aforesaid; and finding thereby, ten of them whose interest & circumstances were near equal, we Taxed them eighteen Shillings and six Pence half penney each. Two others of them whose Interests &c were not equal to any two of the ten above mentioned, (but not in extreme poverty) we Taxed them six Shillings each.— And the remaining three of said fifteen Families, being Poor, we laid no Tax at all upon them. In doing all of which, we exercised that lenity to every one of those we Taxed, which, from the above recited passage in the Tax-Act, we could think upon our Oath, was Just and Equitable.— As we proceeded in the affair in the manner above mentioned, laying no Tax at all upon their Estates, and Taxed not one of their Polls as high as a Poll is set at in the Tax-Act, we cannot think we deserve the reflection the Petitioners have cast upon us by saying, we Assessed them at random, without any valuation or distinction between Rich & Poor.

The Petitioners nextly, go on in their Petition to Assign (what we Suppose they call) three Reasons why their being Taxed as afores[d] is a grievance — And firstly they say, "Because this Assessment is only to ease them (meaning Fryeburg) "of part of the burthen justly laid upon them, without any advantage to the State."

To this permit us to Reply; That as it's well known in Court, that Fryeburg is in it's Infancy as well as Bridgeton, and being as far advanced in the wilderness, is under like disadvantages Bridgeton is; Therefore we could not think the meaning of the Tax-Act was or is, that Fryeburg should pay the whole Sum set against the Name of the Town alone. No, the Contrary appears by the Treasurer's Warrant, founded upon the Tax-Act, whereby we were directed to lay "one

hundred and two Pounds upon this Town, or other Places next adjoining." From whence we trust we may be allow'd to say, we no more deserve this Ill-natured Reflection than that before mentioned.

Their Second Reason is, Because (Say they) "They have Taxed your Petitioners, while others more able to pay, are neglected."

To this we Reply that those Neglected ones the Petitioners must mean, undoubtedly live in the County of Cumberland: And as the Tax-Act Assigns each County it's quota of the Sum laid upon the State, we judged we could not with Propriety, extend our Tax out of the County of York.

Their third Reason is, Because (they say) "It will distress this Infant Settlement, who are few in Number, but Seventeen Families and a few Single Men some of us have Suffered much in our Property thro' fear of the Indians, and not more than six able to raise their Bread."

To this we Reply, That as the Tax laid upon the whole of them is but nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings & five Pence, it cannot distress their Infant Settlement so much, as the greater part of the Tax the Inhabitants of this Infant Town must pay will distress it, It being newly Incorporated, and having a Minister Settled therein upon a Salary of Seventy Pounds a year, a meeting House now to build, a School Master to pay, and besides has a great expence arising upon it to open, Bridge and Causeway Roads within the Same; while They of Bridgeton have no such expences laying upon them; Except they see cause to be at some for Roads among them, in doing of which, They undoubtedly will have the Assistance of the nonresident Proprietors, many of whom are wealthy men, and have large Interest in their Plantation.—As to their Suffering in their Property thro' fear of the Indians, It's to be hoped their Polls remain good. If not; as we laid no Tax upon their Property, and have abated such a

part of their Poll-Tax as we trust will Ballance that misfortune, we cannot see what room they have to complain. with regard to there being no more than Six able (as they say) to raise their Bread;— we presume the three we laid no Tax at all upon, are part of those they say are unable — and as to the rest of them; according to the account we had of their Estates and Circumstances as already mentioned, there can be no doubt, but they are able to pay the Small Tax we laid upon them.— If their bare word should be thought Sufficient to excuse them from Taxes on that account, more than twenty Families in this Town will & can with much truth, plead the Same.

Having Shewn the true State of the Case between Bridgeton & Fryeburg with regard to the Tax in Question, we cannot but encourage our Selves it Sufficiently Shews the unreasonableness of their Petition.

Wherefore, we the said Assessors Pray your Honours, That their Petition may be dismissed, and that the Collector of Taxes in Fryeburg may be allow'd to collect the Small Tax laid upon the Petitioners, their Reflecting Complaint Notwithstanding.

Fryeburg Augt 27th 1778.

Isaac Abbot Nathl Merrill Simon Frye
Assessors of Fryeburg

To the Honourable Council & House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

The Humble Petition of the Committee of Safty & the Inhabitance of New Bristol N 2 in frenchman Bay Shews that this Place is now in the Utmost Distresed Situation and in Particular For Bread Kind

Last Fall all our Coasting Vessells was taken by the Enemie with our Lumber with what money oil and Salt we Could

Raise to send to Boston for Supplies so that the Inhabitance have greatly sufferd the winter & spring Past — as the warr is put a stop to any Vessells Coming to Bring us any Supplies & the place is Intirly out of any surport for Nature we pray your Honours to take our Distressed Situation Under your wise Consideration & grant us such Relief as you shall think Best — if you will take Lumber we are Ready to Deliver it at any Time if your Honours will send some Vessell to Us we will Load them with the Utmost Dispatch & if you will send Us supplys & send or appoint a man here to Deal them out we will pay for it as we take it without which we Can see no way but what Numbers must Perish for further Particulars we Refer you to Capt Dan[l] Sullivan who is the Bearer of this as in Duty Bound we ever Pray

Nathll Preble Samuel Bean Samuel Ball Committee

Dr. State of Massachusetts Bay in Acc[t] of Bounties Cr.
Paid by Stephen Smith M. M.

August	To Cash Paid 41 Bounties in Capt[n] Dyers Company on the Expedition to S[t] Johns River agreeable to Certificate @ £6.. 0.. 0 Each	246. 0. 0
	To Cash Paid 26 Bounties in Captain Wests Company on the Expedition to S[t] John River Agreeable to a Certificate @ £6.. 0.. 0 Cash	£156.. 0.. 0
		402.. 0.. 0
	To Sundries for Muster & Paying the above men — the Certificates wanting — By cash of Col[o] Eddy	135.. 0.. 0
	Ballance due S. Smith	£267.. 0.. 0
		402.. 0.. 0

Errors Excepted

Stephen Smith Muster Master

State of Masetusets Bay

To the Honr^{ble} Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly Convened

Annexed to the Petition of the Select men of the town of Sanford August ye th 1778

We your Honours Humble Subscribers being apprehensive of Some Error or with Submision to Lay Some Rong Information in the Petitioners who by an ungenerous and Secret Way as to us have as we hear been Indulged with the Incorpreating Coxhall In to a Town which has been Acted Very Contrary to our will and Grately to our Disadvantage and Injury: We therefore, Humbly & Unitedly beg that the aforementioned Petition of our Select men and Assessers may be Answerd and the Act for Incorpreating Coxhall may be Suspended: In token of our Desiers and in Evedence of our Approbation have hereunto Signed as freeholders and Inhabetanc

Origenal Setlers—Jonathan Johnson John Stanyan Samuel Willard Epheram Low Benja Harmon Naphtali Harmon Edward Harmon James Gave Walter Powers Enoch Hale Jonathan Johnson Junr Moses Tebets James Hartwell Simeon Coffin Thomas Williams Henry Smith Arch^{a} Smith Moses Stevens David Stevens Samuel Roberts Volintine Sloan Ebenezer Roberts John Thompson

Setlers on the two miles & three Qarters in Dispute — Daniel Eastman Joseph Thompson Jonathan Nowell James McDaniel Benj^{a} Barrows Israel Hebberd Isaac Coffin Elias Sargent Ebenezer Bursul Jeremiah Eastman Daniel Baston

In Council Sept. 28: 1778 Read & Ordered that Henry Gardner Esq. with such as the Honble House may join be a Committee to take this Petition with the Annexed Petition into Consideration & report what may be done thereon

Sent down for Concurrence Jno Avery D^{y} Sc^{y}

In the House of Representatives Sept 28 1778
Read & concurrd & Mr Metcalf & Coll Toby are joind
John Pickering Spk^r

The Com^tee of both Houses appointed to take into Consideration the Petition of the Select men of Sanford together with a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of Sanford aforsd annexed to the Petition of the Selectmen having Considered the Same ask Leave To Report the following Resolution Viz

Resolved that the act for incorporating the Plantation called Cox Hall in the County of York Into a Town by the name of Cox Hall passed By the late General Assembly of this State be Suspended till the further Order of this General Assembly, and the Assessors of the Town of Sanford and other Town Officers of Sanford afors^d are hereby Fully impowered to do & transact all Matters and Things as fully as if the Law aforsd had never Passed & it is further Resolved that the Petitioners Seasonble Notify the Inhabitants of Cox Hall aforsd by Serving them with attested Copies of said Petitions & of this Order that they shew Cause (if any they have on the Second thursday of the Next Session of the general Court why the Prayer of the aforsd Petitions should not be Granted the Town of Cox Hall to be served with Copies as aforsd at least thirty Day before the Time of hearing Sepr 30th 1778

In the House of Representatives Oct. 1st 1778
Read & concurred John Pickering Spk^r

Letter to Col. Allan.

Council Chamber Boston Sept. 8th 1778

Sir, I am Directed by the honbl Board to inform you that your Letter 11th Augt ult^o was rec^d & duly Considered; and as it appears by your own Estimate, that the provisions now

on hand with what the Board of War are already directed by the General Court to send, will be Sufficient to support the Troops untill the whole Court may have an oppertunity to grant further Supplies; and as the List of Med. shipments proposed would arise to a very large Sum; Therefore as the General Assembly are to meet in a few Days, it is thought proper to lay all Your Papers before the whole Court

I am with Esteem & Respect, Y^{r} very h^{b} Servt

Oliver Prescott

War Office Boston Sept 12th 1778

Capt Stephen Smith, Sir

Inclos'd is Invoice of Sundry Articles deliv'd Francis Shaw Esqr & ship'd on board the Schooner Merisheete which wish safe to hand, no doubt you will apply them agreeable to order of Court — I am, Sir Y^{r} H^{ble} Ser^{t} By Order of the Board

Jas Warren Jun Sec^{y}

War Office, Boston Septr 14th 1778

Col^{o} John Allan, Sir,

Yours of the 10th Ultimo has been receiv'd, & the Contents duly notic'd;— The Board have now sent to Capt. Smith the Commissary at Machias such of the Articles deficient, as was in their Power to supply,— what may be still remaining shall be deliver'd when the Public Stores will afford them;— We shall not animadvert upon what you say respecting the Marque Tent, as we feel ourselves unconscious of any Reflections on that Score,— but we must observe on what you say on the high price of things sent you, & that it is your opinion the Department which you have fill'd has cost the State much money to very little purpose;— the former we are fully convinc'd of, & as for the latter we are happy that our Opinion fully coincides with your own.

We shall only add that most of the peice Goods in the Invoice were purchas'd, & charg'd at the same price, & as to the other Articles your own Enquiries (if you will take the trouble to make any) will fully inform you. We are, Sir, Y^{r} very H^{ble} Servt

Saml Phips Savage, Pres^{t} p^{r} Order

Petition of Stephen Parker.

To the Honorable the Council and the Honorable the Representatives of the Massachusetts State.

May it please your Honors. with profound respect your petitioner begs leave humbly to shew, that by the British ships at the time of their attack on Machias a Settlement of this State, the year past, he had great part of his interest destroy'd, and since has been a heavy sufferer from the capture of his person & property on the high Seas by an English Frigate, that hereby the means of his livlihood has been cut very short, rendering it extreme difficult to make a suitable provision for those whom Divine Providence has been pleased to give him, that the duty he owes to his family, society & the honor & welfare of this State, call for his utmost industry, which he ever finds a readiness to comply with, and as the carying on a small Fishery at Passumaquody the boundary of this State, & a little east of Machious, appears to promise that support which himself & dependants need, your petitioner therefore humbly begs your Honors permission to carry on said business at Passumaquody, & that your Honors would be pleased to grant him licence & protection, that no Cruisers or others belonging to this State may be permitted to give him interuption, and all property there obtain'd by him your petitioner most fully engages he will, dangers excepted, bring to the markets in said State, and govern himself entirely by

the honor, welfare, & restrictions thereof, and as in duty bound will ever pray for your Honors consumate happiness & prosperity.

Stephen Parker.

Report on Stephen Parker's Petition.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In the House of Representatives, Septr 21 1778

On the Petition of Stephen Parker Praying for Liberty & Protection for Carying on the Fishing Busniss at Passumaquady in this State —

Resolved that the Prayer of Said Petition be granted and that the said Stephen Parker be permitted to Cary on the Fishery at said place until the further order of the gen^{l} Court, he giving Bond to the Treasury of this State with Two Suficent Sureties in the Sum of five hundred Pounds Conditioned that he will bring into some port in this State & Sell all the fish he Shall Take — And all Armed Vessels belonging to this State are hereby ordered and Directed not to Intercept or Molest the said Parker while Prosecuting the Busness afores^{d} —

Sent up for Concurrence John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Sepr 23^{d} 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Major Begadus Near Penobscut
Sept. 25 1778

Sir

I wrote you a few Lines Yesterday By Newbury, a gentleman has Just told me the Marisheete is Lying uncertain wether she Returns with supplys The reasons I Cannot Comprehend

I must Earnestly solicit that Expedition may take place the situation of the department is Truly Lementable &

Deplorable I can Communicate to the Honble Board, & Implore in my behalf not to delay sending They may depend upon it that the News from the Westward, with the Constant Insinuations of the Nova Scotians, It may be armed things is & will become more Critical in this Quarter. The men has been on half allowance of Bread sometime, the Indians I give none to

Pray sir press matters with the Hon^{bl} Board, & Lett the Least of supplys Be sent By the schooner

I am pushing with all haste for Machias, where I Expect to meet several Expresses from the Eastward. 200 Micmacs has arrived on St Johns river, what for I Cannot Learn — The French Priest & Mr Franchline the British Superintendent, is now on St Johns River, what the Event of things will be this way the Lord only knows

I am in haste
Sir y^{r} hbst
J Allan

John Avery Esq

Account of Isreal Cook for riding Express to Kittery [&c]

State of Massachusetts Bay to Israel Cook D^{r}

For going to Bregadeiers Titecomb; and Frost at Kittere
He Tole me it was 80 milles

For Horse Hier at 2 1/6 Pr mille	£10–0–0
Expense of horse keeping on the Rode	3–0–0
My own Expens going there and Back	4–0–0
Three days and half time	4–4–0
The Expence of Ferreys	18
	£22–2–0

Boston Sep^{t} 7th 1778

Israel Cook

To the Hon^{l} Councel.

In Council Sep^{t} 29, 1778 Read & allowed & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £22–2– in full discharge of the above acc^{t}

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honble Council & Honble House of Representatives of the Massachusetts State. May it please your Honors.

Whereas your Honors in the course of the four last years have been perplexd with Numbers of litigious complaints and information Against Col^{n} Nathan Jones, of Goulds-borough, wherein he has been represented as an Enemy to the Liberties of this Country, and that at this very time we are informed there is a complaint lodg'd with your honors Attested to by one or more persons, into which of consequence your Honors will make further Enquiry. We flatter ourselves your Honors will kindly receive any light or Evidence which may be impartialy given relative to Mr Jones's conduct, the treatment he has received and the injuries he has sustained since the commencement of the present contest between America and Great Brittain. We therefore your Memorialists Neighbours and Acquaintance of Mr Jones, Eye and Ear witnesses nearly to all his actions, in justice to ourselves, in love to our country and duty to your Honors, beg leave to represent facts, which cannot with truth be contested or denied, by the best friends or greatest Enemys that Gentleman may have, and in as Explicit a manner as we possably can. At the commencement of the present difficulties Mr Jones's connections in Trade was large considering the infant state of the Country & of consequence considerably scattered as he supplied a great Number of people and many whose whole dependance were upon him for their families subsistance, and in return took lumber & transported it to Markett, at his own risque, in the best manner he could, the present Opposition in a great measure put a final stop to Trade for

some years past that of consequence all these resources are nearly cut off here. We are far from having a disposition to justify Col^{n} Jones or any other in Opposition to the liberties of our Country, but it [is] Evident that the present Revolution has Stagerd and strangely Affected the minds of many sensible people in America who are now steady supporters & Defenders of the liberties of their Country And no doubt Col^{n} Jones with others whose plans where wholly disconcerted all previlidges cut off a large Family to maintain, and his Interest in the hands of persons Active to have their debts cancelled surrounded with Enemies ready to take every advantage of the frailties of human Nature, we make no doubt under these circumstances Mr Jones was greatly frustrated and might possably drop words unguarded and inconsiderately some time in the year 1774 Col^{n} Jones as well as many others contracted with Brittish Government for a Quantity of Lumber pickets &c Immediately after the resolves of the Committee of Boston forbid the supplying of Government with any kind of Lumber on which a Number of Inhabitants of Sundry places waited on Col^{n} Jones, and told him they were dissatisfied with his Shiping Lumber on Acco^{t} of Government as contrary to the Resolves of the committee of Boston, Col^{n} Jones readily complied and did not ship any, and took it kind of the Inhabitants and said he did not know of such a resolve and that he was ready to comply with every Act & resolve of the Country as they came to his knowledge. And we are possitive Col^{n} Jones never had nor never has since supply'd Government with any, the Inhabitants being satisfied with Col^{n} Jones's declaration they parted in friendship. Col^{n} Jones then took a determination to load his sloop for Newbury or Salem in a few days after another sett of people Assembl'd & to compleat their Extravigancy Strip'd his sloop cut & distroy'd her riggen hove what lumber she had on board, overboard & Used him & his family

in a most scandalous manner. In the year 1775 Col^{n} Jones chartered said Sloop early in the summer for a Voyage to Ireland within the protection of the Resolves of congress, and Accordingly fixed her for a Voyage which was very Expensive & sent her to her loading Mr Jones thought no person could take umbrage at this conduct as the Vessell was to return by the way of Virginia with Corn, this was an Article we all wanted & stood in Need of, but a new set of people from Dear Island which we had never known before in this Country, under the denomination of Independent sons of Liberty seized upon the Vessell without any Order or Authority known to the present Constitution, & with force & Violence took the said Sloop & her Appurtenances a gundeloe & Bull with her sea stores and carried her Away and held her untill sometime in the spring of 1778, near two years and a half they improved her as their Own, untill her Hull was render'd unfit for service her Sails & riggin tore to peices, and in this Condition the Vessell was at last returnd without any satisfaction or consideration for the damages he had sustained, we forbear to add Numberless circumstances of the like Nature toward Col^{n} Jones through the course of the last four years. Every Advantage taken, false constructions put on the greatest part of his word & Actions, has fomented & Augmented by Numbers of people, who has never been the Advantage of a Shilling toward the protection of their Country and in a great Measure owes their very existance to him with regard to the support of their families.

These May it please Your Honors, are galling agrivating unprecidented Circumstances and hard to Brook. Job's patience was nearly exhausted, David cried out under his afflictions, and Sampson was contented to perish in the ruins of the house to be Avenged on the Philistines for his eyes, Your Memorialists are personally Acquainted with Col^{n} Jones and must candidly Attest that we never knew, nor ever heard

of his doing or aiding either by himself or any under him in Opposition to the Laws of the Country or the Liberties of America in general. had he been such a person as he is represented to your Honors, these Eastern parts would have been distroy'd before this time. he has had Oppertunities repeatedly to have laid & Effected such a plan if he had been so disposed. But please your Honors we have Reason to think very differently of his disposition his conduct proves the reverse, we have found him under all his difficulties a Peaceable and useful member of society a friend to Order & Regulation ready & willing to comply with the present mode of government, & to supply the wants & necessities of poor people, besides supplying prisoners on their way from Hallifax Goal on free cost, and feeding the Militia when call'd out to the defence of Machias both with Victuals & Drink, Add to these his service in the coarse of two Years as one of the Committee of Correspondance Inspection & Safety in the township of Gouldsborough wherein he has served to the universal satisfaction of Evry inhabitant. May it please your Honors we take these to be the marks of a friendly disposition & such facts we cannot omit representing in justice to that Gentleman & we have endeavored to lay before your Honors the true State of the whole Matter with regard to Col^{n} Jones as far as it refers to his being a friend or an Enemy to his Country, we cannot judge his heart nor hearts of his Persecutors time may possably determine both, wherefore we pray your Honors would take the Matter into your Serious & Wise Consideration. And if Col^{n} Jones is guilty as Represented your Honors are his Judges if he is not guilty we humbly think he merits & stands in Need of your Honors protection. And your Memorialists as in Duty bound will Ever pray.

Gouldsborough 2^{d} Octob^{r} 1778

Jonathan Tracy J^{r} John Gubteal Abijah Gubteal Jon^{a}

Young John Hanson Benjamin Woodman John Walker Nathe'l Tibbit Samuel Jewell Clement firnelld Chris^{r} Tracy, James Clark William allen, John Lace John Williams, Rb: Shaw Joshua Bickford, J Sutan Aby Campbell, W Shaw Jr William Nickels, Noah Young William Shaw James Noonan Tobias Allen Benj^{a} Glasier Samuel Laighton Ben^{a} Cousins Jonathan Tracy Samuel Lebbey

Resolve on the letters of Col^{o} Allan.

Oct^{t} 2^{d} 1778

The Committee of both Houses upon the Letters from Col^{o} John Allan and the papers accompanying the Same find by s^{d} Allan's return that ye provisions necessary to support the Troops and Indians at Machias with rations untill the First day of Decr next besides what he had on hand and what was heretofore ordered by the Court, is 21,505½ lb pork 6,932 lb Beef 27,033 lb flower 3,931½ lb Bread 3,722¼ lb Rice 308 Gallons of Molases. 448 pounds of Butter or Hogsfat and 56 bushell peese and whereas it is represented by the Board of War to be very Difficult for them to Supply every article in Col^{o} Allan's Estimate for rations, Therefore report the Following Resolve

Resolved that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to Supply Smith Commissary at Machias with **A** the foregoing innumarated articles of provisions. **B** to Compleat the Rations for the Troops & Indians at Machias untill the first day of Decr next & if it is not in their power to Furnish the Quantity of Pork & Flower Sufficient for that purpose to Supply the deficiency in Beef & Grain or Bread.

And that the s^{d} Board of War be and they hereby are Directed to Supply the s^{d} Commissary with the Medicians for the use of the s^{d} Troops agreeable to the annexed Skedule,

and forward them as soon as Conveniantly may be together with one Box of pipes three Hundred w^{t} of good Tobacca one Hogshead of Rum and one Cask of Small Wine for the Use of the Truckhouse at Machias.

In Council October 2^{d} 1778

Read & sent down Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives Oct 15th 1778

Read & accepted with an amendment viz Dele from **A** to **B** and insert "Twenty one Thousand five hundred & five pounds & an half of Pork — Six thousand nine hundred & thirty two pounds of Beef. Twenty seven thousand & thirty three Pounds of Flour. Three thousand nine hundred & thirty one & an half pounds of Bread. Three thousand & seven hundred & twenty two & a quarter pounds of Rice. Three Hundred & eight Gallons of Molasses. Four hundred & forty eight pounds of Butter or Hogsfat, & fifty six bushels of Pease."

Sent up for Concurrence John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Oct^{t} 15, 1778

Read & Concurred Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

A List of Med^{s} for the Troops Stationed at Machias.

[Here follows a list of Medicines.]

To the Honble the Council & Honble the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

May it Please your Honors

Whereas we your Memorialist Inhabitants of New Bristol N^{o} Two, are Informed that for some Time past sundry Complaints have been laid before your Honors against Col^{l} Nathan Jones of Gouldsborough as being an Enemy to the Libertys and Laws of this State, and that it is to be fear'd that He the said Jones will be the means of doing Damage

to this place, We the subscribers his Neighbours think it our Duty to Inform your Honors that We look on such Accusasions to be Groundless, & that We have not the least fear from any Information he will give against the Country, on the Conterary, we are well knowing both Col Jones and his Family have been very kind to our Distressed Brethren who have made their Escape from Halifax Goal, and Supplyd our Militia at Several Times when called out for the Defence of Machias with Provisions & Drink at Free Cost, had he been Disposed to do this Country any Damage, he has not only to lay but carry His Plans into Execution, & Might have given every Information of the weak State of this Country, We would further Inform your Honors that we Esteem Col. Jones as a good Neighbour, a good Member of Society & very useful in this Place, and if Nothing is proved against Him more than We who are his Neighbours are Acquainted with we are very easy on said Gentleman's Account & doubt not your Honors will wisely Judge between him & his Accusors & as in duty bound your Memorialists will ever pray.
New Bristol N° 2 October 3d 1778.

John Bone Nath[l] Prebble Dan[l] Sullivan William Gascomb Thomas Googins John Urin William Whitteker.

To the Chiefs, Sachems & Young Men of the Marisheete Tribe of Indians now on the River St Johns.

Brothers, I am very sorry to find, that such Impressions are made on your minds by an Ecclesiastical Person, who is hired by the bloody King of England, to Introduce the Concerns of the Soul, so as to Exert & prompt you by Speritual Threats to Join in Masecraing your Countrymen in America. Coud you have the Letters Suitably Interprated to you, you may see that Deceit Predominant, which has hitherto Actuated the Councils of George the third. This Preceeding of

Mr Buck I shall duly Transmit to Monsier Gerard Plenepotentaray from the Most Christian King to the United States.

Brothers We had Councils upon these Matters, & I rejoice to find that Spirit of freedom Flaming in the Breasts of those Present, that like Americans they intend to fall & Rise with the people of this Great Continent, I shall (not with a View to punish you Speritually as you are Threatened by the Celebrated British Superintendant) Transmit these Matters to a proper Authority, with the Names of those flaming Advocates among you for Great Britain.

Brothers, It is Needless & woud be Unjust for me to say I will pardon your Sins if you will return to me, No. I dispise the meathod & Treat it with that Contempt every believer of Christ shou'd do,— I speak to you Brothers as a Layman, as a Citizen of America, one of your own Countrymen, Consider who you are, look to that Great God who made you, reflect upon the Consequence of giving up your Tittle as freemen, to that Dispotic Prince, whose Intentions are to Establish that Arbitary Power which will wrench from your hands all that is Dear & Sacred, both Civil & Religious.

Brothers I say no more on this, your Virtue is spoak of a broad do not Stain those Laurals you have purchased, by having the least Connections with the Enemy. Brothers I Expect to hear other things on the return of the Bearers, am Taking every step to thro' every Assistance on the River & Probably you may see me there.

Brothers, I have been speaking to you, as a Civil Person, as a friend, But now as your Commanding Officer, I strictly Injoin & Command any of you, who are with the Britains, to Leave them without Delay, that you immediately pursue those orders you may receive from such persons authorised under the United States, as you Know Well you have all Engaged in that Service.

Brothers I understand many of you are Still Acting the

Virtuous Part, & Determined to Oppose all Vilinous Proposials made by Deceitfull & Designing Men your Names shall be Perticularly Recorded.

Brothers, I Expect you will All Act like men, like Amaricans, like Christians, You will not hurt any person in Cool Blood, but Treat all Persons with Mercy, be perticularly Cautious not to Insult or frighten Women & Children, Nor by any means Take a Life when in your Power to spare it.

Brothers, You will secure all the Arms belonging to Inhabitants & those who opposes you in this business bring them here. You will Sieze Every Vessell belonging to a Subject of the British King) behaving with such in a Manner to Deserve the Name of Christians & Soldiers.

Brothers, I Expect you will again renew your request, by Notifying the Britains to leave your river & Teritories, or Treat them as they Deserve.

Brothers, I send in the Marisheete Two of our Tribe, to pay another Complement to France & America, & request a Spiritual father, for the business of the church not to Interfere in Politicks, for such things I think is not the business of Clergymen, for Observe if a Priest pursues his duty as an Ambassador of Jesus Christ, he will find Sufficient to do, to prepare Souls for Salvation, without Manageing War affairs & other Matters of this life.

Brothers, I understand that the Letters I sent our Brothers the Micmacs, have been Construed by some British Incenderies & Miscerants in a manner Diametricaly Opposit to what is wrote, This Checanary of theirs I allow is Necessary to support their Cause, for without it they Coud not Presume to shew their faces, you all very well Know that any Letters Put into my hands I interprated Truely is It was, You will my brothers soon see all this Deceit of theirs, for that God who rules & governs, will not Admit such Low Art & Cunning, to pursue their Diabolical Intentions.

Brothers, I Salute you all, the Chiefs, Sachems, Young men, Women & Children on the River St Johns, Wishing that the great & Devine being may Protect you, Give you such Council Wisdom as not to fall into the Traps & Snares laid both for Soul & Body, but may the Time Quickly Come, when every Amarican, shall sett Quietly under his own vine & figtree, when our Great King Shall Take upon himself the immediate Command, of this great Continent & Root out for ever from among us, not only the persons, but the Names of Earthly Kings & Potentates.

In Testimony of my friendship & Sincerity, I send this to you, with a String of Wampum & Maddle Annexed in the usual form, at Head Quarters Machias this 3^d^ Day of October 1778 & in the 3^d^ Year of Amarican Independance

J. Allan, Cont^l^ Agent, Colonel & Com^r^ in Chief of Indians Eastern Depart.

Copy

We whose names are hereunto subscribed (Select Men of the Town of Berwick in the County of York, within the State of the Massachusetts Bay) Do hereby Certify that Mr Robert Struthers a Native of North Britain has resided Amongst us as a Trader for these seven Years past, but Constantly for upwards of three years, and has always Demeaned himself as a Good Citizen & a friend to this Country in every respect.

Given under Our hands in Berwick this 5th day October 1778

John Hill James Roberts Jedidiah Goodwin James Warren

Select men of Berwick

To All whom it may Concern

Return of the Indians Taken into the Service of the United States for the Defence of Machias in the State of Massachu-

setts Bay under the Command of Colonel John Allan Continental Agent & Commander in Chief of Indians Eastern Departmenf.

At Machias & a Hunting within sound of the Alarm, Capt^{s} 1; Lieut^{s} 1; Chiefs & Captains 3; Prlvates 75: Total 80.

At St Johns River, Chiefs & Captains 1; Privates 20; Total 21.

Prisoners with the Enemy, Lieut^{s} 1; Total 1.

English Officers Capt^{s} 1, Lieu^{ts} 2; Chiefs & Captains, 4; Privates 95; Total 102.

Machias October 6th 1778 A True & Authentic Return.

Ja^{s} Avery Lieu^{t}

State of Troops, And Other Persons, in the Service of the United States, under the Command of Colonel John Allan Continental Agent & Commander in Chief of Indians Eastern Department, Stationed at and for the Defence of Machious in the State of Massachusetts Bay. October 6th 1778.

Artillery Company, Commissioned Officers, 1 1st Lieutenant; Staff Officers, 1 Conductor, Sarjents, 1; Corporals, 1; Bumbadiers 1; Gunners 1; Drm's & Fifes 2; Privates 22; Total 30.

Field Officers, 1 Colonel, 1 Major.

Staff Officers, 1 Commiss'y, 1 Qua^{r} Master, 1 Surgeon.

Sargent Major 1. Total 6.

Capt. Robins Company; Commissioned Officers, 1 Captain, 1 1st Lieutenant, 1 2^{d} Lieutenant, 1 Sargent, 1 Corporal, 1 Drms. & Fifes, 10 Privates. Total Present 25. Deserters 4. Prisoners, 1 Private. Total 30.

On Board Marisheete; Commissioned Officers, 1 Captain. Privates 2. Total present 3. Prisoners, 2 Privates. Total 5.

Employed for Doing Public Service Coriors 3; Armorers 1; Total present 4; Prisoners, 1 Private. Total 5.

Capt. Dyer of the Marisheete a Prisoner with the Enemy Died Since Last Return.

Machias October 6th 1778

A True & Authentic State Taken from the Different Returns by order of the Comg Officer

Jas Avery Secy

[Here follows an estimate of provisions necessary for the troops, &c at Machias, Oct. 6, 1778.]

Machias October 8th 1778

Sir,

By the Schooner Marisheete, I had the Honor of receiving a Letter from the Honble Oliver Prescot of the 8th Ulto advising me of the Honble Boards Intentions of Laying my several Letters with the Estemates before the General Court, I have no reasons to Diviate from this as I presume it is the proper Channal thro' which such Affairs are to be managed.

By the same Opportunity some articles were recd from the Board of War, tho' not the Amount ordered by Court, their reasons were Sufficient as they Acquainted me they were not in the Public Stores — I am willing to put up with all these Difficulties, & make the best use of our Indegent Situation as Possible. But I am often put to Shifts to manage the Different Dispositions & fluctuating Turns of those I have under my Command.

The repeated & Various demands which often happens in the Several Branches of this Department, oblidges me to Take from one for the Aid of the other, at Present I have nothing but Meal for the use of the Soldiers, & this Occationed by the Great Demands of Indians Soldiers, the Excurtions to the different Parts, & Sales from the Truck House, that Part sent Solely for Indians not being sufficient.

So much Time being relapsed since I sent the Estimate,

the Indians taking something of A Different Turn, keeping Some allways out a Hunting & fishing, with the smiles of Providence, on this Department, to this Time, makes the Demands much less then what I was apprehensive woud be wanting,— and am as well Contented & Satisfied that we have been at no more Expence.

The Demands I apprehend that will be still wanting I shall here Inclose in an Estimate, which Probably we may not have occation for Indians, but this Department is liable to Every difficulty shoud Supplys not be sent, — a Consider able quantity I have borrowed, some rations due the Officers & Soldiers, I must press Earnestly that the Amunition may not be Neglected.

I wrote Mr Avery some days ago from Penobscutt, Just to Desire him to Acquaint the Honble Board of my being at that Place, on some Bussiness with that Tribe.

I had been often Solicited by those Indians to go to Penobscutt, but I put them off as my Business Appeared more Assential Eastward.

On the 7th Ult^{o} 4 Canoes & Eight Men Arrived, with a Message from the Chiefs, Sachems & Young Men, requesting my immediate attendance, Accordingly on the 11th I set of thro' the Lakes & in five days reached Penobscutt Old Town, where the general Part of the Tribe was then Assembled.

I immediately Assembled them, & held a Conference, which Continued with short Intermissions 4 days,— their Complaints were Great, & Many produced Several Instances wherein they were Treated very Ill. I will Just Mention what they said in the first Speach After my Arrival.

(Orano)

" Brother We have met Togeather and with one Heart & Voice Salute you and Welcom you to our Village — Very Glad & rejoiced to see you in health, hoping that God will Preserve it,— what I speak to you now is the Voice of all

the Indians of Penobscutt, In Token of which I Deliver you these Two strings of Wampum.

"Brother We are Glad & Thank you for what you said to us Yesterday. Our Complaints are Great & a long Time we wanted to make it Known to some person.

"Brother By Repeated Promises from our Brothers of the Massachusetts we had a right to have a Truck House on this River, where we Coud go to get what we Wanted, But we find to the Contrary. No more is ever sent for us, but what Two or Three Common Hunters Can take up, & that of the most inferior Sort. If any Larger Quantity is sent us, it must be Disposed to Others than Indians.

"Brother Having no governments Truck House you may Easily Conceive the Miserable Situation of Indians. You Know we are not like the White people to Manage our Affairs, perticularly when Liquor is in our way,— when we Care not for the Most Valuable Part of our Interest, if we Can Git Rum,— By Which if we Possess ever so great a Property, by our own Conduct we become Miserable.

"Brother We was in Hopes when we Acknowledged, ourselves Amaricans, Owned them as Brothers, that the White People on this River woud have Taken some Notice of us, & not Admitted any person whatever to Take Advantage of our Unhappy Disposition. But to our Great Misfortune we find great Numbers of them who Trys all they Can to hurt us,— will not only Cheat us but will Steal from us. This Tribe has Taken last Winter above 2500 Moose Skins, besides a great Quantity of beaver & other Furrs,— it is gone from us, & we have not a Sufficiency that will secure our familys till Winter. You may see Sir what we have,— which we Call upon God as Witness is Truth. Our Men & Women are made Drunk & after they take all from us will Kick us out of Doors.

"Brother The English here are of many minds, and we

have been Continually Tossed to & fro, with different News. Many Torys are among us, who are often Teling us about the Goodness of the King of England. A great many who Tells us things on Both Sides to git Money,— & we see them willing to Act any way so they gete Money,— & some are Amaricans. We Indians are very unhappy, & must Acknowledge by the Behavour of the White people we Disagree among ourselves & often Times Know not which side to Take,— but all this Time we are Miserable ourselves.

"Brother The White People on this River, have Come & Settled Down upon the Lands which was granted us. We have Warned them of, But they say they Dispise us, and Treat us with Language only fit for Dogs. This Treatment we did not Expect from Amaricans,— Perticularly when the General Court of this State Granted the Land to us themselves. We Expect they will Keep good & Support their Promise.

"Brother You say you have no Authority from the Great Congress respecting us,— only a Military Command from the General Court at Boston. But being glad to See you & Satisfy'd with what has been done with our Brothers the Marisheete Tribe, we Desire & Expect you will be our friend, & tell all these things we mention to that Authority that will hear our Destress & Grant us releaf. Otherwise we must do as well as we Can,— and Trust to that Great God who has hitherto preserved us & pray that his Good Council may be given,— that we may be Directed to Procure Satisfaction for the abuse given our Injured Familys.

"Brother We mind what you say about our being Expiditious, we will delay No Time,— But as we must have many Councils among ourselves, & Wanting to have Much Talk with you,— We Expect you will not think of returning this five Days.

"Brother God Bless you,— farewell till we see you again."

This is the greavences of these people in General,— during my stay we had many familiar Conferences Public & Private. I Inquired & Examined into the Perticulars sett forth by them,— and found that their Complaints were but to Just & True, & Such as must reflect the greatest Dishonour on many persons settled on that River,— I was an Eye Witness myself to some of the most Diabolical Proceedings, but tho't it most prudent not to Take any further Notice, till this was Communicated to the Honble Board. The Laws made Prohibiting the Trade is Treated with Contempt, & such freedoms are taken & Justiss so Stagnated in the Eastern Parts, that it Appears almost impossible to prosecute those culprets to conviction.

As to their Dispositions, I have not Experienced such Difficultys to bring to a Steady Rule — their Minds have been so Corrupted & Diff^{t} Impressions made by the Several Sorts of people who has been Talking with them, that they doubt the Veracity of every one, in some Measure who may be Transacting any Business.

In respect to their Lands, as the General Court has been pleased to give them such a Tract by grant, I think it but Just they should be Defended in their right, & people not permitted to go on till a Settlement is made with them for the purpose,— for if Tolerated it must make a bad Impression on their minds, & they in consequence doubt the Veracity of Government.

The Honble Board must permit me to Diviate from the Sentiments of the Genl Court in granting such an Extencive Country to these people. This being once done & thus put in Possession of them it is a hard matter to git it from them, without much Difficulty & Sometimes fatal Consequences, and great pity it woud be not to have such a fine Country settled with Civilized Inhabitants.

The Indians woud have been much more Contented & Sat-

isfyed, if the Court had granted them an Exclusive right to the Beaver hunting, and inded in behalf of these poor people, I must allways claim it as an Indubitable Right,— I am of the same Oppinion as the Indians, that as the White people are more Civilized, Acquainted with Agreculture, & other bussiness for Support, it is hard the Indians Cannot have this Little part for the Subsistance of their familys,— more so as they were the Original Proprietors of this Country.

Some persons may Suppose, by this, that I mean to Introduce Acts of Prohibition for game as in arbitrary Kingdoms, but it is foreign from my heart. But my reasons are this, the Furr trade is allways thought very advantageous to that Community, where it is properly regulated, therefore every step should be Taken to preserve its Utility, many evils Derives from the English people Hunting,— Among Others they are not Acquainted with the Manner of preserving the Increase,— and I am very well Assured the Hunting Diminishes — there being 100 ₱ C^t odds in the Quantity within these few years, such depreciations were not Known before the English Interfer'd. The repeated Quarrells which happens between the Whites & Blacks, are too Notorious not to be Universially Known,— & from their Enthusiastic Principles, respecting their Natural Rights to this, Kind Providance must often Miracuously Interfere to Prevent many fatal Consequences.

The Honble Board may think me Legetious in being so perticular, but as this Tribe has allways been under the Immediate Inspection of the General Court, & their Complaints being founded upon Promises & Connections they have had with this State in Perticular, I thought it Expedient to Communicate the matter as it is done for their Honours Deliberation, & for them to pass their Judgment upon it.

The matter of the Land probably may be settled, I had much Talk with them upon it, they differ much in Senti-

ments among themselves,— but Universially think it to be an Infringment. There is one Colburn who Lived there sometime before the grant was given, he has been very Industerous & has a Valuable farm, I think it a great pity to remove him, if it is Possible to agree with the Indians,— there is none that appears to be his Enemy & I believe woud Consent upon some Terms for his Continuance. But Several has moved on since the grant was given & from a Spite to them they Command all to Remove. I recommend strongly that some persons may be appointed to Settle this Affair, as the Indians are so liable to Drink, was they not disposed for mischief at other Times. I am sure According to the Common Course of things, that some very Disagreeable Affair will happen.

In reguard to a Truck House the Honble Board Best Knows what they have promised & what has been Done. I am well Convinc'd that if supplys were Laid in there, under the Care of such persons as woud Mannage the Bussiness with Integrity, (not meaning that any former person has done otherwise perticular Colo. Lowder who I have a good opinion of & the Indians Desire he may be Truck Master) very Great Advantages might be reap'd as well as Satisfaction & Contentment to the Indians,— those have had a Great Opportunity to get at the Marisheete, Passamequody &c — the former being allways on their Hunting Ground, & the Latter the much greater part of their Time on duty here.

I shall Communicate the perticulars to Congress as it is the Indians Earnest desire, & Trust that all will Cast an Eye of Pity on these Poor Wretches, that Justess may be done them, & be better taken care of for the futer

I now leave the whole of this Affair to the Honble Courts Determination any Directions or Commands they may Give me, I shall Endeavour to Execute, & if otherwise to give my advice in the best manner I am able.

On my arrival at Machias I found that an Express had been sent after me in Consequence of Intillegence from the Enemy at St Johns, & the movement of the Indians in our Service.

The Britains have at Last made a desperate push respecting Indians, such that I am sometimes Jealous wheather I can repel the Torrent.

Mr Franklin the British Superintendent, with Mr Burk the french Priest Arrived about the middle of September, when Expresses were sent to the Indians at the Different Places of abode. One Come this way with Letters from both those persons, a Copy of which I here Inclose (I had not time to Translate Mr Burks therefore must Trouble to have it done in Boston.)

At the same time I recd Intillegence from Nova Scotia, that Government were Determined to take every step in their Power, & were Sanguine that their Endeavours woud Take the desired Effect.

The Indians appeared now as they have been often represented using deceit. Many had Arrived at Fort How on the River St Johns, the Behavour of the British Officers & Soldiers, being Different towards them then before, the Valuable presents given, but to Crown all the Spiritual Threats of the Priest shoud they not return & the pardon already granted if they did Join, Seemed to put them into Strange Convultions & Agitations of mind. Their zeal for the Roman Catholic religion, their being a long time without a Priest, Confessions, Absolutions, Baptisms, Marrages & the other Sacrements of that church, being in their Ideas, so Necessary for Temporal & Eternal Wellfare, not having had any Administered, for a long time Seemed to Stagger the Most Zealous for Amarica, that were in this Place. Major Stillman (whose Behavour at all times deserves applause) acted as agent in my absence, had Great difficulty to Detain them till my Arrival.

They being much in liquor the first day, the Next I Called

them Togeather & for three days we were on the Bussiness, with Little Intermissions I used every Argument I was master of & finally laid an Injunction upon them as Commanding Officer.

They then Delivered their Last Speech & acquainted me they were fully satisfy'd with what had been said, & had all as one man (those present) Determined not to go near the Priest, only that some shoud go & Acquaint their Brethren of the News. I Acquainted them what was my Intention, to send an Express to the Indians at St Johns with all haste, Commanding them to leave the Britons,—That Lieu^{t} Guilman with some Indians shoud be sent by the Lakes to the River St Johns as an English Commander there, to Continue till he rec^{d} further Orders,— That the Marisheete shoud be Dispatched for Boston with an acc^{t} of these Matters, by whome I shoud send Two Sober Indians, to Complement the States, & the French Admeral & Try to git a Priest for a Short Time. This Proposal rec^{d} Universal Applaus & Two very honest good men was Nominated for Boston.

In Consequence of the above I dispatched the Express to St Johns a Copy I here Inclose — allso gave Instructions to Lieu^{t} Guilman (who was then at Machias) to proceed from Penobscutt, to St Johns, where I presume he is by this Time By this Opportun^{y} with the Marisheete I send the Two Indians under the Care of Capt Preble.

The Indians resents much that a Priest has not been sent Down, when such Promises were made the Two Young men when in Boston the past Summer, perticularly when they understood so many are in Boston,

I did not intend to have sent my Indians to the Westward, as I Know what Trouble they are, but I was Glad to take any step to keep them from going to St Johns, if it was no other Service they woud be as Hostages while away,— & Divert the others attentions by Expecting something new.

The principle matter at present with them is a Priest, If it is not allowed I will do my Endeavours to keep them, but it is a Doubt to me if it Can be affected.

Shoud I have a favourable Account from St Johns, I intend disbanding Capt Robbins Company, & indeed I shall be Necessitated to do it for want of Provisions.

The Honble Board will perceive by the Estimate of provisions for Indians, that I have put down only forty, this is all I Actually have now in Service & what I Can Say is immediately under my Command,— the others are up in the Lakes, I have received an Account that Twenty are at St Johns with Franklin, but I fear there are many more,— Shoud they Take notice of my Letter, I may Expect a large body of the Marisheete as well as great number of the Micmacs who are all on the Wing,— How it will be I Cannot say.

After the Departure of the Marisheete I intend making an Excurtion — Toward St John's thro' the Lakes.

Several persons belonging to Cumberland, has been Soliciting about giting their familys from thence,— I shoud be glad to have permission, if not Inconsistant with the Service to send a flag of Truce to fort Cumberland.

I have rec^{d} Several Authentic Acc^{ts} from Nova Scotia respecting the Movements of the Enemy there, & find they are Garrisoning all the former fortresses, that of St Johns a Number of Artificers Lately went there, & a reinforcement of Soldiers, so that they are making themselves as Strong as Possible.

It is Probable I may not have the Honor of the Command much Longer here, but I think it my Duty, both for the Interest of the States, & the Security of the Eastern Country, to give timely notice to the Honble Board, that shoud the War Continue much Longer, the Enemys Situation at the River St John's shoud be perticularly Attended to, for

the Great advantages in being Possessed of that Importent part, the many Communications which there is from the river to the Different Settlements on the Eastern Shore, a fatal Stroake may be Given before we may be aware of it,— This is not Chimerical or Vague, my Intelligence is such that I am no way Doubtfull.

The Honble Board will observe that, the Troops are to be Disbanded in about six Weeks, when the place will be left Defenceless, there is Artillery & Ordenances to a Considerable Amount, allso other property belonging to Government, Shoud there be no more Ordered to Continue in the Service it will be highly Necessary to remove them, as it will be a Great Excitement for the Enemy to make an Attempt,— I beg that this may be Attended to.

I have not had it in my Power to Communicate to Congress the State of the Indians or How to Establish a Truck House— I shall Endeavour to do it as soon as I am Convinced of the Intention of the Indians & have an Answer from St Johns,— The Season I fear will be so far Advanced that it will make it Late.

I Expect the Board of Warr will be able by this Time to Accomplish the Mem^o^ which was order'd by the General Court last Spring,— my own Situation for want of it, I shall say nothing about, I will Endeavour to do my duty if ever so Severe & Difficult.

The fort I sett about building Last fall, I Coud do nothing with this season for want of Utencels, which I have repeatedly apply'd for, a very Large Quantity of Timber is now about it, shou'd the General Court not Chuse to have any thing further done, it woud be best to Dispose of the Timber,— I woud be glad to Know their Intention.

I have the Honor to Be with the utmost Respect Sir

Your most Obd^t^ & Devoted Hbl sv^t^

J Allan.

P. S. October 14th

Late Last night Four Indians Arrived from Restegaushe on the head of the bay Cheulour, the most Distant Tribe of the Micmacs Eastward,— I was more Jealous of them then any, from the connections they allways had with Merchants & others from Britain, & their being so near Canada,— I was formerly well Acquainted with them, & sent soon after my arrival last year, but had no Answer. My last Express reached them, & was Explained to Satisfaction, In Consequence of which these four (as they say) were sent & this day had a Conference. They Declared their zeal & Attachment for Amarica, & Appoligised for their not Coming before, the reason was the Great distance & the Uncertainty how things were going, having never received a proper account, they Deliver'd me Two Long Strings of Wampum, & hove a gorget on the ground (which was given them by the Britains) with the Utmost Appearance of Malice. During the Conversation I preceived a Peculiar Veneration for the French, & Notwithstanding all their Professions I saw a Preheminency allways that way, more so when they Told me they must go to Boston to see the great men from France & be Satisfyed if all was True they heard. I Endeavour'd to Convince them the Impropriety of Going to Boston, that it was Intirely useless, that my Authority was Sufficient to Settle every matter respecting Indians, that it woud appear rediculous for such Young Men to make their Apperiance before such great people, & that they woud be in Danger of the Small Pox. An Altracation Insued, & finaly said they were Determin'd to go in their Birch Canoes & Look'd upon I wanted to Deceive them. I said no more, but Compell'd to give way, as it might be of worse Consequence. I am very sorry for this as it will be a great Expence & much Trouble for nothing, & all to Satisfy their Silly Curosity — & inded I am Led to think that their Authority is not much,

which our Indians here allso doubts by their forwardness to go, being Young Men,— this Menover Disappoints me much, as I had Picked out Two of the Soberest Indians here, had given Mr Preble such Instructions as to Prevent any Trouble whatever to the Court,— these 4 I know nothing about & if any bussiness I am Stranger to it. I woud recommend that they may be Treated with Complesence within the bounds of reason,— But by no means to Settle any bussiness with them. The Honble Board may remember the Difficulty which happened some time ago respecting the Treaty Sign'd by some Young Men of the Micmacs, which the whole Body highly resented, more perticularly Against the Council, as their Young Men to Excuse themselves, said they were taken the advantage of, & did not Know the Contents, (John Baptest one of these 4 Was a Signer) Since my Arrival I have been much Deceived by many,— have often Negosiated bussiness, when there was no other Inducement but to get presents, & the Honble Board may Depend upon it that nothing Parmanant can be Expected from any Treaty with the Indians (I mean Eastward) without you assemble the body at their Village and have the Assent of the whole. I have given Mr Preble the Care of them, to prevent Trouble otherwise, but it gives me pain to think I am any way Concernd with their Voyage. The Intelligence they bring about the others is Disagreeable. Mr Burk the Priest is at Auke Paque & a Number with him. The chiefs of Several Tribes of Micmacs which were Coming here he sent back — I still keep all the chiefs of St Johns with me Except Piere Toma.

I imagen the Scheme is to git all the Indians they can at this Village where the Mass House is, their Detain them for some time to Pardon Sins, & by keeping up Conferences Civil & religions to Wean their Affection from Amarica, then Take them down to Mr Franklin at the Fort. I have only [to] say, what the Event will be the Wise being only Knows. I will soon sett of and do all I Can. J. A.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Oct 9, 1778

On the Petition of the Selectmen of Topsham — in the County of Lincoln, setting forth that many Doubts & Disputes have arisen in said Town on account of the neglect of a regular Return on the Warrants for calling their annual Town Meetings in March 1776, 1777 and 1778 & neglecting to record the same —

Therefore for solving all such Doubts and Disputes —

Resolved That none of the Proceedings of said Meetings or of any Town Meeting since March 1776 shall be considered as invalid on Account of the irregularity of the said Returns — or neglect in recording the same

Sent up for Concurrence John Pickering Spk^r

In Council Octr. 9, 1778 Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D^y Sec^y

War Office October 13 1778

Sir

the Board were agreable surpriz'd with your Letter 9th Instant dated at Falmouth as they were fear full you was taken. Your conduct hitherto we approve & shall pay your Draft when it may be produced We write by Mr Thayer to William Frost Esqr to assist you in procuring an anchor & other things you may have occasion for, which when you have receiv'd you are to engage the best Pilot & take the very first Opportunity to come for Boston We recomend to you every precaution on your passage, as it is reported that a British man of War is Cruezing that way

Y^r hble Servt

To Capt Peter Pollard

In Council October 13th 1778

On the Petition of Davis Hatch praying that he might have liberty to enter & prosecute an Appeal at the Superior Court &c

Resolved that the prayer of said Petition be granted, and that the said Davis Hatch be & hereby is impowered to enter and prosecute his appeal in an action brought against him by one Thomas Gilpatrick, at the next Superior Court of Judicature &c to be held at Falmouth in the County of Cumberland, for the Counties of Cumberland and Lincoln, and that the same proceedings be had on said Appeal as though the Appellant had regularly recognized.

Sent down for concurrence

Jno Avery Dy Secy

In the House of Representatives Oct. 13, 1778

Read & Concurred

John Pickering Spkr

An Inventory of cloathing received from the Towns after mentioned in the County of Lincoln in Obedience to a Resolve pased the General Court June 17th 1778

10 Shirts at 48/; 25 pairs of Stockings at 28/; 10 pairs of Shoes at 48/, £85 0

Willm Butler Benj Pette Jorden Parker

Select Men of Georgetown

23 Shirts at 50/; 23 pairs of Stockings at 36/, £98 18

James Potter John Merrel

Select Men of Topsham

27 Shirts at 47/; 27 pairs of Stockings at 36/; 27 pairs of Shoes at 48/, £176 17

Thos Jonston James Huston

Select Men of Bristol

6 Shirts at 50/; 8 Pairs of Stockings at 36/; 10 pairs of Shoes at 48/, £53 8

Abr^{m} Whittemore Saml Jamison Stephen Whitmore
Select Men of Bodingham

16 Shirts at 48/; 18 pairs of Stockings at 24/; 3 pairs of Shoes at 30/, £64 10

Willm McCobb David Reed
Select Men of Boothbay

8 Shirts at 48/; 11 pairs of Stockings at 36/; 12 pairs of Shoes at 42/, £64 4

Daniel Fairfield Joseph Webber
Select Men of Vasselbor^{o}

4 Shirts at 48/, £9 12

Arch^{d} Robinson
Select Man of Newcastel

The Select-Men of Woolwich through mistake Neglected to make a Report till after the Time set: that they could not procure an Article

Georgetown Octr 15th 1778.

Dum^{r} Sewall Ag^{t}

Letter from Dum. Sewall Esq.

Sir,

The Honorable Board have directed me to send the cloathing I have Collected for the Continental Army to the Board of War to be forwarded to the Southward.

Agreable to s^{d} direction have sent by Capt Simeon Turner 1 Hh marked S. N° 1 Containing Shirts 181 and pairs of Stockings 30.

1 Hh markd S. N° 2 Containing pairs of Shoes 196.

1 Bl markd N° 3 Containing pairs of Stockings 100.

Georgetown Octr 19th 1778

With the greatest Regard Sir your Friend & most
Obedient Servant
Dum^{r} Sewall.

Petition of Stephen and William Gowen.

To the Hon^{be} the Council & House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Humbly Shews — Stephen Gowen and William Gowen of Sanford in the County of York, That some Time in the year 1772 your Petitioners bargained with the late Brigadier Moulton for Fifty acres of Land, then Wild and uncultivated, lying in Sanford, and the same year the Land was run out, & the Boundarys thereof marked and ascertained by the Brigadier, and your Petitioners then and there in consequence thereof entered into and improved the same, to this Time and now actually live in a House built thereon by Your Petitioners. That at the Time of the agreement aforesaid there was an Account open between one or both of the Petitioners and the s^{d} Brigadier, and a Ballance due to your memorialists, which Ballance was to be in part pay and the remainder was to be paid in Charcoal for his Iron Works The Fifty Acres of Land was to be of the price of Fifty Dollars, and the said Moulton afterwards in the year 1776 Settled an account with one of the Petitioners Viz Stephen, and gave him a Reciept Wrote and Subscribed by the said Moulton in the Following Words Viz^{t}

"Sanford 1776 — Recieved of Stephen Gowen two Pounds nine Shillings & eight pence, being the Ballance due him on the Acc^{t} Sanford, which Sum is in part for Land I am to give him a Deed of Jotham Moulton"

Yet it so happens that by the untimely Death of the Brigadier no Deed was ever executed by him — and your Petitioners being desirous of being quieted in the Possession of the said Lands and to have the benefit and advantage of their own Buildings and improvements and also to comply with the original agreement by paying to the Admin^{rs} of the s^{d} Brigadier Moultons Estate as much in charcoal as it was then Valued at, and the Lawfull In^{t} of the Ballance due for the same Humbly Request that the said Moultons Administrators may be authorized and impowered to execute a Deed of Release & Confirmation of the said Fifty acres of Land Which your Petitioners are informed they cannot legally do without the aid of this Hon^{be} Court and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Stephen Gowen for myself & William Gowen

October 1778

We the Subscribers have seen the Reciept recited in the Petition afores^{d} and are fully Satisfyed that it is a genuine Reciept Wrote and Subscribed by the said Jotham Moulton Eq^{er} and upon enquiry of Henry Hamilton, who negotiated much of Mr Moultons Business at Sanford — are Satisfyed the agreement made between the s^{d} Mr Moulton & the s^{d} Stephen and William Gowen is truly set forth in the Petition aforesaid — and the same appearing to Savour so much of Equity, We cannot make any objection against its being granted

Sam Nasson Joanna Nasson Nicholas Sewall adm^{r} of Mr Moultons Estate

In the year 1772 I was present at sanford when Brigadier Jotham Moulton agreed to Sell to Stephen Gowen & William Gowen Fifty acres of Land for Fifty Dollars, and I assisted

in runing it out marking the Boundarys — the Lands lay in the North Western Corner of the Lot calld the Iron Works Lott, some where between Fifty & Sixty Rods Wide North West — the exact Number I cannot tell without measuring from the markes then made but it adjoins Lands Mr Moulton Sold Water house on the South East. The pay was to be in Stock for the Iron Works deducting whatever should be due on a Settlement of their accounts, Which they then had open with Mr Moulton The s^{d} Gowen's then entred upon the Lands & have Built and improved thereon from that time to this and now live on the same Lott.

Henry Hamilton

Oc^{r} 20th 1778

York Ss. Oc^{r} 20th 1778 Then Henry Hamilton aforesaid at the request of Stephen Gowen made oath to the Truth of the Declaration afores^{d} by him Subscribed

Before me

David Sewall Ju^{s} Peace

Letter to Honble Benj^{a} Greenleaf

Council Chamber, Boston, Octr 20th 1778.

Sir

the Council thinking it necessary to furnish the Indians of the Penobscut Tribe with a Quantity of Powder &c they have directed me to request you to deliver to Capt Jedidiah Prebble 50^{wt} of Powder, 100^{wt} of goose Shot, and 100^{wt} of musket Ball which the s^{d} Prebble is to deal out to the s^{d} Tribe as he Shall judge necessary, they paying the s^{d} Prebble for the same, and he to be accountable to this Government therefor. If you cannot purchase the above articles you will honor them, promising to replace them from the State Magazine. You will lay your account before the Board of War for payment. In the name and Behalf of the Council

Your hum^{bl} Servt President

Boston 21st Octr 1778

By Virtue of the within Precept to me directed I have taken the Bodies of the within named Nathan Jones & Wm Tupper & hath them in Custody for the further order of your Honors

To the Honble Council of Massa – Bay

Chas Cushing Sheriff of Lincoln County.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Boston Octor 22d 1778 By Virtue of this Precept I have brought the within named Nathan Jones Esqr & William Tupper before the Honorable Thomas Cushing & Benjamin White Esquires the Committee of the Honble Council of this State aforementioned

Chas Cushing Sheriff of the County of Lincoln

Fees Accts of Expences

14 days Travell & attendance at 30/ pr day	
To Expences at 45/ pr	£21– 0–0
To Expences at 45/ pr day	31–10–0
To Ferriages	1–11–0
To hire of Horse for journey	18– 0–0
	£72– 1–0

In Council Oct 21, 1778 Ordered that Thomas Cushing & Benj. White Esqr be a Committee to consider the within Resolve of Court respecting Nathan Jones to hear the Parties & report what is necessary to be done thereon.

Jno Avery Dy Secy

The Committee Appointed for the purpose abovementioned have attended the Service, and report that they have Examined Mr Tupper the Sheriff, Mr Nathan Jones & one Wm

Whitaker of Frenchman's Bay respecting the Reasons why the order of Court for delivering up the goods attached at the Suit of ye owners of Sloop Advance was not Complyed with and ye Committee find that one pair of oxen & one Cow were attached by said Wm Tupper as the property of Ivory Hovey on ye 29 of Jany 1778 at ye suit of ye owners of Sloop Advance, that he waited Twenty one Hours in order for Mr Hoveys atterney to give security for ye said Cattle but it was refused & neglected

That on the second of February following he attached the same Cattle at ye Suit of Nathan Jones Esq. on which attachment he held ye said Cattell until the 20 of May last, that before this Debt to Jones was discharged said Hovey produced & read the order Above referred to wherein said Tupper & Jones were required to Deliver up the Cattell that were attached at ye Suit brought for ye recovery of ye Sloop Advance, that Mr Tupper the officer Informed Mr Hovey that he held the Cattell at the Suit of Nathan Jones Esqr for a Debt Due to him from said Hovey & that if he ye said Hovey would pay the Debt & ye Expence of keeping the Cattell he was ready to deliver them up, he refused to pay the Expence of Keeping the Cattell but acknowledged the Debt to Jones & some time after paid it of which he Informed Mr Jones & the Cattell were delivered up to Mr Hovey as appears by the Testimony of William Whittaker — all which is submitted

Thomas Cushing p ord

In Council Oct^t 24 : 1778 Read & Accepted & thereupon Ordered — That the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln be and hereby is directed Not to detain Nathan Jones & William Tupper D^y Sheriff of Said County any longer & permit them to return to their Several Homes

Jno Avery D^y Sec^y

Deposition of William Whitteker

I William Whitteker of Frenchmans Bay Declare that I Saw Malatiah Jordan & Samuel Milliken gooing to Mr Nathan Jones for one Cow and two oxen that had been attached by william Tupper as the property of Doctor Ivery Hovey & the Day after I saw them Return with one ox one Cow & one Calf & they told him Said Jones was Not at home But that his Family Readily Delivered the same and would have Delivered the oather ox If he Could have been found

William Whitteker

Suffolk Ss. Oct. 23 1778

Wm Whitteker personally Appeared & made Solemn oath to the truth of the Above Declaration before

Thomas Cushing Jus Peace

Deposition of William Tupper.

I William Tupper Testify & Declare that on the twenty Ninth Day of January Last past I Attached one pare of oxen and one Cow as the Property of Ivery Hovey at the Suite of Messer^{s} Gardner & Underwood owners of the Sloop Advance and after haveing attached Said Cattel I waited 24 Hours in order for Mr Hoveys Attorney to Give Security for the Said Cattle But the Same was Refused or Negletted.

And on the Second Day of February following I attached the same Cattel at the Suite of Nathan Jones Esqr on Back Debt which the Said Hovey Owed to the Said Jones on which attachment I held the Same Cattel untill the twentyeth Day of May last past. But before this last mentioned Debt was Discharged by said Hovey he Read in my hearing an order of the Great and General Court wherein Said Jones or the Oficer was Required to Deliver up all goods &c that was

attached in a Suite brought for the Recovery of the Sloop advance and at Same time Mr Hovey Did Demand of me the afore Named two oxen & one Cow. I then Informed him that I held them Cattel at the Suite of Said Jones on his Back Accompt and that If he would pay that Debt & the Expence of Keeping the Cattel I was Ready to Deliver them. But he wholey Refused to pay any Expence But Acknowledged the Debt and Some time afterwards payd the Same to me being £15–1–2, on which I Carried the money to Said Jones and informed him that the Cattel were No longer Held at his Suite on which Said Jones Said he would let mr Hovey have the Cattel when Called for

Wm Tupper

Suffolk Ss. Oct. 23, 1778

Wm Tupper Personally appeared & made oath to the Truth of the Above Declaration before

T Cushing Justice Peace

Petition of Robert Struthers.

To the Honorable, the Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, in Council at the Council Board, in Boston, Convened.

The Petition of Robert Struthers, of Berwick in the County of York, within said state, Trader.

Humbly Sheweth. That your Petitioner has Resided in the Town of Berwick aforesaid, in the Capacity of a Trader, for these several years past, and has ever endeavoured to demean himself as a good Citizen; a Friend to the Liberties of these United States, and to the General satisfaction of the Community; which he hopes will more fully appear to this Honorable Board by Certificate from under the Hands of the select Men of the said Town of Berwick.

That your Petitioner is possessed of Considerable Interest in Great Britain, which is greatly depreciating by reason of his absence, he having intended to return to Europe, near about the time of the Commencement of the present unnatural War; and has hitherto been obstructed therefrom, by the continuance of the same.

And that your Petitioner is desirous (in order to secure his Interest aforesaid) of taking a passage to England, by the way of Rhode Island or New York; Could he be favoured with permission and the Necessary passports from this Honorable Board for that purpose.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Honorable Board (in tender consideration of the premises) would be graciously pleased to grant him liberty to proceed to Rhode Island or New York (or by Land to Providence & Rhode Island in one of the first Cartels bound thither, from this or any of the Neighbouring states; in order to procure a passage to Great Britain; and furnish him with the Necessary passports for that purpose, or that he may be otherwise relieved in the premises in such manner and form, as to this Honorable Board in their great Wisdom may seem meet

And Your Petitioner (as in duty bound) shall ever pray &c.

Berwick 24th October 1778 Robert Struthers

In Council Oct. 27, 1778 Read & Ordered that the Prayer of this Petition be granted and that the Petitioner be and he hereby is permitted to proceed in one of the first Cartels bound to Rd Island or New York from this, or any of the Neighbouring States in Order to procure a Passage to Great Britain. It appearing to this Board that the Said Petitioner during his Stay in this State has demeaned himself as a good Citizen

Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Oct^{t} 27, 1778

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver Capt Jedediah Prebble for the Use of three Indian Chiefs from Penobscot, three Blanketts of coorse Broad Cloth (Blew) two Common Blankets for two Young Indians — three laced Hatts & two without Lace — three Meddles similar to those given the Indians when they returned from Albany, three Ruffled Linen Shirts & two plain Shirts, five p^{r} Shoes & five p^{r} of Steel or Bathmettel Buckles — Said Articles to be given as Presents to Said Indians.

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Letter from Lemuel Storrs

Cumberland Octr 27, 1778

Dear Sir

According to the direction of Solomon Southwick Esq D C g S I have Sent on to Boston forty Beef Cattle to be Deliv^{d} to the Board of War on Account of Salt Provision Borrowed By Major Gen^{ll} Sullivan for the use of the Troops at Providence Am also Desired to take a Recpt in Solomon Southwick Esqs name on the Delivery of the Cattle to the Board of War you will Deliver the Recp^{t} to Capt Eph^{m} Wells the Bearer of this who will Deliver the Recp^{t} to me for my Security for the Above Cattle As I Shall Deliver the Recp^{t} to Mrs Southwick She will give his Recp^{t} to me for the same I am your most humble Sert

Lemuel Storrs, Receiv^{r} L. Stock

To the Presdent of the Board of War

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Octr 30, 1778

Resolved, that it is the Opinion of this Board that all the Militia that did Duty at Machias on the Alarm in the Summer season in the year 1777 are intitled to the same pay & rations and in the same way and manner, as those are who are particularly referred to in the Petition of Jonas Farnsworth, Benj^{a} Foster & others by the Resolves of the General Court passed the thirtieth of April 1778 and ought so to be understood

Attest W Baker J^{r} D^{y} S^{y} P T

Order to the Board of War

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Nov. 2^{d} 1778

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver William Reed & his Company who marched to Machias on the Alarm in the Summer Season in the year 1777 agreeable to the Resolve of the General Court passed the thirtieth of April 1778 on the Petition of Jonas Farnsworth Benj^{a} Foster & others three hundred and forty four Rations

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Jedidiah Prebble's Receipt

Received of the Town of Newbury Port this 4th Novr 1778 (as Borrowed) for the use of this State One hundred and Thirty pound Weight of Musket Ball and Fifty pound Weight of Gun Powder which is to be Returned to s^{d} Town by said State

Jedidiah Prebble Jr

Order to the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Novr 7th 1778

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to supply Stephen Smith Commissary at Machias with Sixty W^{t} of Candles One hundred W^{t} of Soap & One thousand W^{t} of Powder and forward the same as soon as may be for the Use of the Truck House at Machias.

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

York Novr 9th 1778

S^{r}

I rec^{d} a letter dated War Office Boston Octr 17th 1778 wherein I am requested agreable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 14th of Oct^{r} (to forward to Boston all & every article of Cloathing which I have purchas'd in pursuance of a Resolve of said General Court 17th of June last,) I have rec^{d} no Cloathing, as yet, agreable to s^{d} resolve of s^{d} 17th of June I have no order to purchase any only to receive them of the Select Men &c, as to the resolve of the 14th of Octr I have not Seen it, as I came from Court the 9th & do not know the Contents But have sent you the Cloathing I had by me which I rece^{d} Agreable to a resolve of ye Court of ye 13th of March last Supposing they must be meant, I have put them up Carefully in three Cask, N° 1, 50 Shirts & 55 p^{r} Stockings, N° 2, 51 Shirts & 53 p^{r} Stockings, N° 3, 124 p^{r} Shoes, in the whole 101 Shirts, 108 p^{r} Stockings & 124 p^{r} Shoes you may depend upon their being well packed, and the Quantity in each Cask as Set Down please to send me a recept for what you receive, & you^{l} Oblige your hum^{bl} Servt

Joseph Simpson Agent for County of York

To the President of ye Board of War.

Letter to Colo Allan.

Council Chamber Nov. 9th 1778

Sir

The Council have received your Letters of the 8 & 14 of October, They will lay them before the Assembly as soon as they meet, together With the Papers accompanying the Same, and recommend the Subject Matter to their Consideration. you mention that several Persons belonging to Cumberland have been Soliciting about gitting their Familys from thence & desire to have permission to Send a flag of Truce to fort Cumberland we suppose with a View to Negotiate this Matter, the Board have no objection to your sending a flag to fort Cumberland for this Purpose provided you have reason to think the Persons who are solliciting to Come to this State friendly & attached to the Cause of America — As the Time for which the Troops at Machias were engaged will Expire the beginning of December next you are desired to prevail with such a Number to Continue in the Service untill further orders as you may judge Necessary for the Security & Protection of the Artillery, ordinance Stores & other Property there belonging to [the] Public as it will be dangerous & Expensive to remove them this Season

The Board of War will by the return of the Marisheet supply Mr Smith the Commissary at Machias with the remainder of the articles they were directed by the Court some time since to furnish him with, & the Board have directed the Board of War to supply Mr Smith the Commissary with sixty pounds of Candles, 100lb Soap, one thousand weight of Powder articles which were not Included in the former Estimate or order.

Machias November 13th 1778

Sir,

I wrote you the 2d Inst Since which I recd an Answer frome Piere Tomma at St Johns River, which Appears Deceit-

full & flatering, it being not of much Consequence I shall not Trouble the Honble Board with it for the present

I mentioned in my former Letters of Ordering Lieu^{t} Guilman from Penobscutt with Six or Eight Indians, to fall in About Medocktie (140 Miles from the Mouth of the River). Sent some more Lower Down the River, Spreading Intelligence at other Parts. By this Menover Expected to Divert the Indians & others on the River, to prevent any Solid matter being done by the Priest or Mr Franklin.

This matter Took the Desired Affect, and in the middle of their Persuit with the Indians, they received the Intellegence & in 24 Hours both of them Left the River, Promising to return Again soon. By this Time the Indians in the Lakes got on the Move, & having heard of the retreat of these Two Gentlemen with Other Affairs which Interven'd, they Took a Turn this way, where I am now overloaded with them on account of the Indigent Situation of this Place. Add to this the Indians at Penobscutt hearing of my orders to Mr Gilman they in a Manner all Turned out,— he disputed this measure. But upon the whole Sixteen Insisted on Going, they have Executed the bussiness very well & returned here the other day. But their demands & Claimour are Intolerable, & the Necessity I am under to procure matters at a most Exorbitant price makes it very Expensive. Those Indians which have Taken the Oath of Allegiance on the river St Johns, I have nither heard from or Seen any But Pier Tomma

A Small Tender from the Albany is Continually Cruzing about Passamequody & Intercepting every thing going for the States. Ambroise had his Canoe taken away the other Day, with a Number of things, among the rest some Expresses & Belts of Wampum, I was sending to St Johns & the Micmacs.

A few Days ago I rec^{d} a Letter from Colo Lowder, respect-

ing Difficultys among the Indians about sending to Boston, Instiegated by some English Persons. I am not much Surprized at these Affairs, as the Profits Arrising from the Trade of the Indians will Occation Perpetual Quarrells & Jars, till such time as Government fixes it upon so Parmenant a futing as to hold the whole Trade. I find from the Indians present, and the word sent by the others at Penobscutt that they Had Chosen Old Orano & French Mitchel to go to Court, Both (the former in perticular) very Suitable.

I sent word when the Marisheete was going up, that as they desired and were Determined to pay a Complement themselves to Government, it woud be Suitable then, as Others were going upon the same bussiness, Preperations were making, which woud prevent many Unecessary Expenses otherwise & Ordered the Marisheete to Call Accordingly But Capt Preble I presume hearing of some being gone before proceeded without Calling.

I am very well Convinced that some Scheems are Laying by Different Partys. I recommend to Court with Humble Submission to be very Cautious, there is some Indeans gone, who are marked out by Every Tribe to be Warmly attached to Britain, & have made a Point for many Years to Create Divisions, so that there is not one Tribe in my District will admit them in Council Lewis Neptune is Principle man who was formerly of Passamequody & is not allowed at Penobscutt. By some Craft a few Weeks ago he Took from Francis Joseph (son to the Late Chief of Passamequody) the Family Meddle, which I presume among Strangers he Calls his However Let him do what he will, it will not be rectify'd by the Other Indians

The Intricate Situation of Penobscutt is such that I am Discouraged about it I shall be up soon & Communicate the State of that Place a Little more to fullfill my Promise to the Indians,— when I will be glad to git Clear of it — as

there seems to be a Determination among all in Generall to frustrate any good Intentions of Government

I have the Honour to be with Profound respect Sir

Your most Obd very hbl ser^{t}

J Allan

The Honble Jeremiah Powell Esqr

Order to the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Nov. 14th 1778

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver Capt John Prebble Interpreter & Assistant to Col^{o} John Allan at Machias snuff Coulourd Broad Cloth sufficient for a suit of cloaths and Trimmings for the same twelve Yds of Linnen, three Quarters of a yard of Cambrick, One p^{r} of Shoes & three p^{r} of Stockings at the Price allowed the Continental Officers — taking Said Prebbles Obligation to Acco^{t} for the same whenever the General Court shall call upon him for Payment.

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Letter to Stephen Smith.

War Office 14th Nov. 1778

Sr Inclosed you have Invoice & Bill Lading of sundrys ꝑ Capt Richard Martin in the Sloop Sally which we wish safe to your hands These with what we have sent you ꝑ Capt Rea in the Schooner Marisheet compleat the order of Court for supplies in your department the receipt of which we wish you to Certify as soon as may be

Your Draft on the Board for the payment of the Freight as ꝑ Bill of Lading shall be duly honored. We are &c

T B Pres^{t} P T

War Office 16th Nov: 1778

Sr Inclosed you have invoice & Bill Lading sundries p Capt William Rea in the Schooner Marrisheet agreeable to order of Court which we wish safe to Your hands. You will please to Certify to us as soon as may be the receipt of these Articles in the Application of which as also what we may send in the Sloop Sally you will doubtless follow such Orders as you may receive from the Commanding Officer in this Department. We are &c

T Browne Pres P T

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Nov. 20, 1778

Whereas the Schooner called the Merisheet William Ray Commander is now on a voyage from Boston for Machias with a Cargo of Provisions for the Troops there Therefore Ordered that all Commanders of Armed Vessels and others belonging to this State are hereby Commanded & it is hereby recommended to all Commanders of Armed Vessels belonging to any other of the United States to suffer Said Vessel to pass & repass without Molestation or hindrance.

Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy

Order to the Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Novr 20, 1778

Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver Capt John Prebble for the use of two chiefs of the St John's Tribe two common Blankets & charge the same to the Acct. of the State

Attest Jno Avery Dy Secy

Letter from John Tracey to the Honble Jeremiah Powell.

Newbury Port Nov 22^d 1778

Hon^d Sir

Have this Moment recd a Letter from Pownalborough, informing me that their is a Schooner mount^g ten Guns from Halifax, called the true Blue, cruizing off the Mouth of Sheepscutt River, by two Deserters from her we learn that She is Endeavouring to cut out of that Harbour, two Ships loading with Masts & Spars one of the Ships belonging to Mr James Swan, the other to myself they are waiting for my Ship to be loaded they then Intend to go in and take possession of them. the Deserters also assert that the Gage & How Sloops are on the Eastern Coast — You will Excuse me Sir for taking this Liberty The Interest of my Country, my own interest with the great Advantage the Enemy would receive from the Masts & Spars, which from the late Gales Wind they must be greatly distressed for, the Uneasiness of the Inhabitants who wish & pray that the State may send an armed Vessill for their Relief, must be my Apology

Am sir with due Respect Your most obedient Servant

John Tracey

Petition of John Preble.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

To the Hon. Council of s^d State.

The Petition of John Preble in behalf of Col^o Jno Allan Humbly Shews,

That s^d Col^o Allan has fitted for Sea the Schooner Marisheet burthened about fifty Tons, mounting Six Carriage Guns & Navigated by 15 Men — having on board Provisions 15 b^ls Beef & 2000 W^t of Bread — As amunition 18 b^ls powder & shot in proportion — officers onb^d are Wm Ray Capt —

Jn° Fulton 1 L^{t} s^{d} Vessel is intended to Cruize against the Enemies of these United States

Y^{r} Petitioner therefore prays y^{r} Honors to Commission s^{d} Ray as Commander of s^{d} Vessel for the purposes afores^{d} & as in duty bound will ever pray.

John Preble

In Council Novr 23^{d} 1778 Read & Ordered that a Commission be issued out to William Ray as Commander of the above mentioned Vessel — he complying with the Resolves of Congress.

Jn° Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

Petition of John Tracy & James Swan.

To the Hon^{l} The Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of John Tracy & James Swan. Humbly Shews

That your petitioners have two Ships in pownalborough, on Sheepscut River, loaded with large Masts & other Lumber the produce of this State, & are now ready to proceed to Sea. But your petitioners cautious not only of their own Interest, but also of supplying the Enemies of America with Cargoes of this sort, which they want to a great degree to Mast their Ships at Newport, now laying as Hulks; and having certain information, that the True blue Schooner, & the How & Gage, Sloops, all arm'd & in the Service & employment of Great Britain, are actually Anchor'd in & laying of the Mouth of the River in order to Capture those Ships & Cargoes. And considering that such Captures must greatly assist our Enemies & enable them to fite out several Capital Ships more than they now have to Cruize against America & her Allies, the French; and that these three mention'd Vessels, by laying where they now do, cutts off the

Supply of Wood from Kennebeck, Sheepscut & Damascota, & much impedes that which comes farther East, thereby greatly distressing the people of the Seaports. Your petitioners begs leave to lay these Considerations & facts before the Honorable Board, & to pray

That they wou'd be pleas'd to order a Vessel of War to Cruize off Sheepscut to rid the Coast of such small Vessels: which will much facilitate the Eastern Commerce of this State, & greatly relieve the people there, & in the Sea port Towns, and as in duty bound shall ever Pray

John Tracy Jam. Swan

Boston 26 Nov. 1778.

Letter to the Honble Council of the State of Massachusets Bay.

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston 28th November 1778

Gentlemen We received from the Honble Council Board, Copy of Messrs Tracy & Swans petition, with Extract of a Letter from Col^o John Allan, dated Machias Novr 2^d which petition & Letter, Set forth that the Eastern ports are Annoyed & Infested with Several Armed Vessells & Cruisers of our Enemies; that greatly Impede the Trade of these Northern States.

This Board taken the Matter under Mature Consideration, think it their duty to give all the Assistance in their power, for the protection of Trade & destroying our Enemys Ships: for which good purpose they will order the Continental Ship Dean Samuel Nicholson Esqr Commander, (being the only Ship they have in readiness) to join such armed Vessells as the Honble Board may please to order on this Service.

We have the honor to be with all respect Your Most Obed^t hum^ble Serv^ts

Wm Vernon for the Board

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber

On Motion Ordered — That Thomas Cushing Esq. be a Committee to draught a Letter the Honble the Congress upon the Subject Matter of the Acc^{ts} of Supplies to Col^{o} John Allan at Machias & report

A true Extract from the Memorial of Council.

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Ordenance & Stores at Machias in the State of Massachusetts Bay, Dec. 1st 1778.

At the Battery; Cannon 2 + 1 = 3.

In Magazeen; Cartriges filled 77; Porte Fires 14, Tube Boxes 3; Tubes 4 Pd^{rs} 200; Match rope 15; Musquet Cartriges 3924; Musquet Balls 136; Powder 150.

In Laboratory; Spunges & Ramers 4 + 2 = 6; Ladles 4 + 2 = 6; Worms 4 + 2 = 6; Round Shot 42 + 44 = 86; Dbl headed shot 50; Cannister Shot 50 + 25 = 75; Empty Flannel Cattriges for 4 Pd^{rs} 94; Cartridge Pouches 3; Drag ropes P^{s} 2; Priming Horns 1; Priming Wires 2; Bitts 5; Hammers 2; Porte Fire Stacks 3; Sheep Skins 1; Leaden Aprons 1; Cartrige paper – Quires 24 ½; Small Arms 35 + 21 + 2; Bayonetts 29; Cartrige Boxes 34; Musquet Cartriges 580; Flints 360; Drms, good 2, without Heads 2; fifes 1.

In Armorers Shop; Small Arms 2; Bayonetts 29.

Command^{g} Officers Quarters: Small Arms 4; Bayonetts 2; Cartrige Boxes 4; Musquet Cartriges 40.

In Possession of the Troops: Small Arms 15; Bayonetts 14; Cartrige Boxes 17; Musquet Cartriges 224; Flints 32; Drms, good 1.

A Number of Empty Paper Cartridges & Wads for 9, 4, 2 Pdrs. Swivels & Cawhorns.

A True & Authentic Return, Inspected Agreeable to orders of the Commanding Officer

By G° Stillman Major, Ja^s Avery, Lieu^t, Robert Foster Qu^r Mas^r

Dr The United States of America in Acc^t with John Allan C^r

1778 Jan^ry 1st To Ballance due on Acc^t rendered to this day	£622– 7–11¼
Decr 1st To Am° of contingent for public Service	609–11– 9
To Am° of contingent Acc^t in carrying on the Business of Agency with the Eastern Indians	1003–19– 2½
To Am° of Arm'd Schooner Marisheets Acc^t	1272– 8– 1
To Am° of Sundries rec'd from Truck House at Machias for the Payment of Indians in Service &c Viz^t	
Am° of Acc^t of Contingencies	1768– 0– 1
Am° of Acc^t of Bounties	626–11– 6
Am° of Acc^t of Paym^ts for Services	244– 3– 6
Am° of Acc^t for Schooner Marishett	30– 1– 6
	2668–16– 7
To Am° of Acc^t against the Penobscot Tribe for sundry Expences for them	804–14–11½
	£6981–18– 6¼

May 1st By Cash received from the Treasurer of the State of Mass^ts Bay 4,000 Dollars including £622–7–11¼ being the Ballance due	£1200	
June By Cash advanced Lt Delesdernier to pay the Expence of the two Indians at Boston		75
By Sundries rec'd from Truck House at Machias for Indians amounting to	2668–16– 7	

By Am° of Acc^t of Sundries from D° for paym^t of Troops at the Price charged to them 172–17– 7

By a Deduction on Indian contingent Acc^ts being charged in the Penobscot Tribes Acc^t 13–16

By a Deduction on Truck House contingent Acc^t for D° D° 40– 4– 4½

By Ballance carried to New Acc^t 2586– 6– 5¼

£6981–18– 6½

Machias December 1st 1778 Errors Excepted

J Allan Con^t Ag^t of I. E. D.

True Copy Attest John Avery D Sec^y

At a legal Town meeting holden in Sanford Dece^b 1, 1778. Voted that Joseph Simpson Esqr David Sewell Esqr Jointly & Severally be and hereby are appointed agents for the Town of Sanford to use their Endeavour to procure a Repeal of the act Incorporating Coxhall into a Township, so far as it interferes with the Town of Sanford by Representing the matter to the General Court in such way & manner as to them or either of them shall appear most Eligeable for obtaining the Same

A True Coppy.

Joel Moulton Town Clerk for Sanford

Deposition of Simeon Woodward.

Simeon Woodward of lawfull age To give Evidence — Deposeth and Saith Some time in the month of September one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven, he fell in Company with one Abial Wood of Pownalborough at Mr Sweets tavern in Greenland In the State of New Hampshire after some Conversation with Said wood I Began to suspect him being one that was Enemical to the States of Amarica and willing to Know more of his mind and Disposition I gave him to understand that I was weary of Amarica & wished

that I could geet into the Kings Government he asked me if I had a mind to go into Novascotia and if I should like to be in the Kings Service. I further gave him to understand that if I could Geet into Novascotia I Should like to goo to England he told me I might Geet there Very Easy. I told him I did not Know the way. he the Said Wood told me if I would Come to his house at Witch Casset Point he would soon Geet me there for he Said he Expected the Rainbo will be in Townsend and if not you may goo to Machias and Soon Geet to NovaScotia from there. I asked him if he thought I Should not bee taken up. Taken up Said he No. there is nobody to take you up but I beleve the Rainbo will be in before I Return and then there will be no dificulty if you Come to my House for I will Geet you on Board for I am Acquainted with the Captain of her for I was on Board her when She was in before — I gave him to Understand that I would Come to his house I further asked him if he had Seen any Books that had been Published by the British Government. he told me he had Several one in pertickeler that he Veryly thought to be published by Lord North him self for it Cut up all the Books that had been put out Since the War began. he Said it Sett forth everything that England had laid out for Amarica and what an Expence Amarica had been to them. he further told me if it was Known he had Such Books it would be looked on as Treason against Amarica he would have proceeded further but Company Coming in turned the Conversation and further Saith not

Simeon Woodward

Lincoln ss, Machias Dec. 2, 1778.

Then personally appeared the above named Simeon Woodward and made solemn Oath to the truth of the above deposition by him subscribed

Before me

Benj^a Foster Justis pss

Letter to the Navy Board.

Council Chamber 7 Decr 1778

Gentlemen

It having been represented to the Council that several British Armed Vessells are now cruising off Sheepscutt in order to Capture two Ships loading with Mast in Said River & that the said British armed Vessells the last week took a Brigantine loadened with Lumber out of Thomas Town and are otherways distressing the Trade in the Eastern parts of this State & it having been also represented to this Board that Capt Olney is willing to Enter on board the Warren Frigate with One hundred & fifty Men which with what Men She already has will Sufficiently Man her & that She may be ready to proceed to Sea by tomorrow or Next Day, The Council therefore earnestly recommend to the Navy Board to Issue their Order to Capt Hopkins in the Warren Frigate to proceed to Sea with the Dean & the Hazard in order to Clear the Coast of these Cruisers & if possible to Seize & Capture ye same, so that the Trade may be no longer Molested & the Mast Ships before Mentioned may be preserved from falling into the hands of the Enemy, which at this Juncture it is of the last Importance to prevent.

Letter from Col. Allan.

Mechias Decemb^{r} 12th 1778

Sir

Being obligd to send Express Westward on Account of the Enemy Cruscers Along Shore, Gives me an Oppertunity of Acquainting the Hono^{ble} Board that a Quantity of the Supplys Ordered by the Gene^{l} Court Arrived here About three Weeks ago

Since which we have had a Frigate of thirty Six Guns Blocking up the Mouth of this Hearbour; & Several Small Cruzsers Westward to Intercept any Supplys or Assistance Coming this way I presume they Are More forward in this Affair, As they Must heave heard of the Disbanding the Troops And the situation of this Place

I have Applyd to Collo. Foster for a few Militia, As I have but About Twenty Men that Continued

I have wrote Cercular Letters to the Different Districts recommending to have the Militia in readiness, as it is very Probable they will Attempt some Desparate Matter by their Beheavour

I shall take every Precaution & Care to secure every part this way, And Trust Under Providence we will prevent their Diabolical Intentions

As to the Merisheete I am much affraid of her, have Sent for that purpose By this Oppertunity to Order her how to Proceed, if Safe, tho I woud Not Insure her

I have the Honour to Be very Respectfully Sir Your most Obd very hble servt

J Allan

To the Honoble Jeremh Powell.

Application of Joseph Noyes.

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay —

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland commissary to the sea coast men stationed at said Falmouth & Cape Elisabeth pray your Honours to give him a warrant on the Treasurer of this State for the sum of Twelve Hundred Pounds to enable him to supply said men with Provisions and Necessaries and as in Duty bound shall ever Pray

Joseph Noyes

Boston Decemb^{r} 15th 1778

In Council Dec. 23^{d} 1778 Read & Ordered that a warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £1200 in favo^{r} of Jos. Noyes Esqr for the Purpose mentioned in this application he to be acc^{ble} for the Expenditure of the same

Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Dec 23^{d} 1778

Whereas the Time for which the Guards Stationed at Falmouth and Cape Elizabeth in this State expires the 1st Day of Jany next and it being necessary that the Stores at the Said Forts should be secured — Therefore Ordered that Peter Noyes Esq. Commanding officer of the s^{d} Reg^{t} in the County of Cumberland be and hereby is directed to procure one Serjeant, one Corporal & Eight Privates for the Purpose of securing the Stores at the Fort in Falmouth as also One serjeant, one Corporal & Eight Privates for the Security of the Stores at Cape Elizabeth — Said Men to Continue in Service till further Order of the General Court.

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council and the Honble House of Representatives in General Court assembled

The Subscribers Freeholders & Inhabitants of a Town newly Erected By the name of Cox Hall Cited to appear & shew Cause why the Prayer of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Sanford Should not be Granted, Humbly shew,

That the Petition from Sanford appears to your Honours humble Petitioners very extraordinary and to be built upon

very groundless assertions — they are pleased to say in s^d^ Petition that they were "not notified of the Incorporation of Cox Hall till after it was Effected" and that they "are apprehensive it was done Either thro' some misinformation or the General Court's not having proper Knowledge of its taking a Slice from Sanford." To which your humble Petitioners would Reply that tho' the People of Sanford were not formally & legally notified of our Request to the General Court to be Erected into a Town in the form we now are, yet they would not be ignorant of it as our Petition lay before the General Court four or five Years before it was granted and a Gentleman now one of the Selectmen of Sanford & that signed the Petition against said Incorporation was one of the Petitioners for the Incorporation. If it was of Importance that the General Court should have Known that Cox Hall as Petitioned for & Granted, took in a part of Sanford we are humbly of Opinion that it lay with those who tho't themselves injured by it to have given the General Court that Notice and have made their Objections against it, and also that they had Sufficient Opportunity for doing it, and it appears to your humble Petitioners very unfair & ungenerous in them now to make a plea of their not being notified of said Incorporation to procure the Suspension of it: as we had been at considerable Expence in Calling meetings, laying out high ways & other things which are necessary under new Incorporations and Since the said Suspension have no legal way to Raise money to defray these Charges.

Your humble Petitioners would Suggest to your Honours the Reasons why the annexing the Slice of Land (now in dispute) to Sanford would be inconvenient & ineligible, the principal of which are that there is a Body of waste Land lying between the Inhabitants of the Two Towns four or five miles wide which will not admit of Settlements it being a Barren Pitchpine Plain including a large Spruce swamp

which at certain Seasons is impassable by Reason of a flow of Water — Likewise that Two Rivers & in some Places Three run thro' said Land, on which accounts it would be very Inconvenient for the Inhabitants on the disputed Land to be included in the Town of Sanford, as they could never Expect jointly any Privileges civil or Religious — The Line Between the Two Towns as last Settled By the General Court in the act for Incorporating Cox Hall runs thro' said Plains and thereby Remedies the above Evils and Difficulties which would unavoidably attend the Inhabitants of the disputable Land being connected with Sanford as the most of them Live four or five miles from the Settlements in said Town.

It may likewise be of importance to your Honours to be informed that the Proprietors of Cox Hall include in their Claim, the whole of the Slice of Land now in Dispute, the annexing of which to Sanford leaves the Remainder too Small for a Town, whereas when annexed to Cox Hall, Sanford still contains many thousands of acres of Land more than Cox Hall with double the number of Inhabitants, and as the most of the Inhabitants of Cox Hall now live on the Disputed Land their being annexed to Sanford would not only be vastly inconvenient for them but also Leave the remaining Inhabitants under Peculiar disadvantages.

Your honours most humble Petitioners would in Conclusion observe that it appears very Extraordinary to them that the People of Sanford should Object to the Incorporation of Cox Hall when they themselves have been so sensible of the Inconvenience of our being connected with them as a Town on account of our lying so Remote from them, that they have Ever Caused the money Voted by the Town to be Collected & Expended as Seperate from Each other as any two Towns in the State.

We therefore for the Reasons above mentioned pray your

Honours that the Petition of the Selectmen & Inhabitants of Sanford may be dismissed & the Incorporation of the Town of Cox Hall be no Longer suspended and your humble Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray &c

Decr 31, 1778

Settlers on the 2¾ miles of disputable Land

Nathel Conant	Elisha Smith	Wm Burke
Humphery Whitters	Elisha Smith Junr	Job Cresey
Marthew Lassell	Elisha Littlefield	Thomas Low
Samuel Cluff	Samuel his X mark Emons	Gidon his X mark Stone
John Emons	Benj^{a} Trippe	Ezekel webber
Aaron Drown	James Barker	Wm Parsons
Benjamin Stephens	John Goodridge	John White
Calab kimbal	charles Wite	Paul Giles
Heber kimbal	Samuel Friend	Moses Sweat
Stephen Stinson	Samuel Dorman	John Kilbirn
James Barker	Solomon Ricker	Thomas Kimball
Robert Swainson		

Settlers on the east of the land of Coxhall out of the Incorporation of Sanford

Joshua Ricker	Phinis Ricker	Love Hobarts
Lewis Martin	Samuel his X mark Martain	James Sands
Richard yeaton	Francis his X mark Varney	Reuben Downs
John Clark	John Clarkson	Paul Weston
Paul Chadbourn	Simeon Chadbourn	Ezra Fluent
Jonathan Goodwin	Silas Grant	Nehmiah Gray
John Low	Alexander Grant	Jeremiah Roberts

State of the Massachusetts Bay.

To the honorable Council and to the honorable house of Representatives in the general court assembled the —

The Petition of Roger Huniwell of the Town of Scarborough in the county of Cumberland labourer —

Humbly sheweth, That your Petitioner has been indulged with a pention for the loss of an arm at the reduction of Lousburge in the year 1745 which the last year was nine pounds and whereas nine pounds will not Purchase more of the nesseceries of Life than thirty shillings would in 1770 your Petitioner therefore Prays that your Honors would consider him on that account and give such a sum as your Honors in your great wisdom shall see meet and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray

Roger Hunewell

To the Honourable the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Town of Falmouth, Casco Bay, beg leave in Petition to represent Their Distressed situation & Circumstances.

By ye destruction of ye Town of Falmouth in ye year 1775, by a cruel Enemy, numbers of families were immediately reduced to want & wretchedness. But it became us not to be cast down: but to support under our misfortune with firmness & to prosecute a just & a necessary war with vigor. This we have endeavoured, as far as in us lay, to do. We have exerted ourselves to furnish not only our just proportion, but as many men as possible for ye publick service. In this we have been successful. We have been able to supply not only our full Complement of men; but also a considerable number to serve as Soldiers for other towns in this State. In addition to ye above ye town of Falmouth furnished ye last Spring fifty men to serve as volunteers in ye american Army. By these exertions we endeavored to render service to ye american Cause: But altho' we may have been successful in that: yet we have bro't upon our selves a

great expence, an expence, which in our present state we are by no means able to bear. By ye numbers of men we have supplied to serve in ye american army we have greatly increased ye number of Soldiers familys among us. From ye same cause a number of persons have been widowed among us. All these are to be added to ye number of our numerous poor to be supported by a town already reduced, as to be scarcely able to support itself. The number of our poor are continually growing upon us, by reason that our trade & business is ruined & cannot at present be revived Our Expences are continually increasing & ye ability of ye town to defray them as constantly decreasing. Our houses have been burnt by ye Enemy, & our Navigations, which use to employ & support a number of persons, taken from us; our Estates destroyed: our Trade & Business ruined: & we as a town reduced to Indigence. In these circumstances we have exerted our selves to relieve ye necessities of ye Indigent & to alleviate their sufferings: But even in this we have met with great disappointment

We dispatched a Vessel to ye southern States for Bread: But by reason of ye Embargo, could not obtain one Barrel of flour, or one bushel of Corn. She returned empty. The year past our Crops in ye Country were cut short by ye drought: & there is not even Now bread Corn for ye Inhabitants among us. Many families among us have not had a piece of bread in their houses for weeks past: And how to supply them we know not.

Your Petitioners do not mean to exaggerate matters: neither do they wish to exempt themselves from shareing in every difficulty for the salvation of their Country: But ye cries of ye poor, many of whom once lived comfortably & some of them even in affluence very sensibly affect them; & oblige them, in behalf of s^{d} poor, to apply to the Honourable Court for their relief.

Your Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Court would take their peculiarly distressing Circumstances into your wise Consideration & grant such Relief, as in your great Wisdom & Goodness shall seem meet.

Nat Green Moody Town Clerk
p^{r} Order of the Town of Falmouth

Falmouth Decr 31, 1778.

To the Honble The Council & The Honble House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled

May it Please your Honors The Petition of Nathaniel Thwing of Woolwich in the County of Lincoln, Esqr in behalf of said State Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having been appointed (by the Honble Jonathan Bowman Esqr Judge of Probate of Wills &c for the County of Lincoln) Agent to the Estate of Charles Callahan late of Pownalboro', in the County aforesaid an Absentee & your Petitioner having received from Rebecca Callahan, Wife of the said Charles, Resolve of this Honble Court of the 29th of April A.D. 1778, directing your Petitioner to pay the said Rebecca Callahan the sum of two hundred Pounds out of the Personal Estate of the said Charles, then in the hands of your Petitioner for the purpose of enabling the said Rebecca to transport herself & her aged Father & Family to Halifax to her husband: & as your Petitioner had not money enough in his hands to enable him to pay the said sum of Two hund^{d} Pounds as your Petitioner did not sell the whole of the Personal Estate that was appraiz'd By reason that a considerable part of it to the amount of Ninety five Pounds two shillings according to the Appraizment being under lease with the Farm for the space of three years by the said Charles before his departure. Your Petitioner has paid the said Rebecca the sum of Seventy pounds only in part of the above

order, and as the s^d^ Rebecca had embezled a considerable part of the Personal estate above mentioned before your Petitioner was appointed Agent as aforesaid, and since the departure of the said Charles & not-withstanding her having obtained leave from this Honble Court to depart this State yet she has fled in a secret Manner from the Justice of this State.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the Order which he has rec'd to pay the said Rebecca the sum of Two hundred pounds as aforesaid may be countermanded so far as to what is unpaid & that your Petitioner may be allowed his Expences of Prefering this Petition & that the remainder after all Debts & charges are paid may go into the Treasury of this State.

Your Petitioner also humbly prays that he may be heard in the Premisses as he has no doubt but he can offer such reasons to this Honble Court, as shall induce your Honors to grant the Prayer hereof (so far at least) as relates to the order above mention'd & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray.

Nathl Thwing

1778. An Acco^t^ of the Estate both Real and Personal lately belonging to Charles Callahan late of Pownalborough, an Absentee — Viz^t^:

200 Acres of Land with two dwelling houses,

Barn &c, standing on the same	£800–0–
Personal Estate appraizd at	221–4–8
	£1021–4–8

Debts already exhibited against s^d^ Estate Viz^t^

Samuel Goodwin Junr — paid —	£13–13–10½
Jon^a^ Norcross	48–11–4
Moses Hodgkins	1–16–0
	£64–1–2½

Sundry other Acco^ts^ not yet exhibited.

Nathl Thwing Agent to the above Estate.

Original Grantees of the Township of Machias

Jon^{a} Longfellow	Joseph Libbee	Sol^{o} Messerve
Stephen Jones	Morris Obrien	John Underwood
Isaiah Foster	Jeremiah Obrien	Eben^{r} Libbee
Wm Curtis	Gideon Obrien	Joseph Duibesont
Jones Dyer	Nathan Longfellow	Tim^{y} Libbee
David Libbee	Enoch Sanborn	Job Burnum
Barth^{w} Bryant	Saml Kinney	Saml Burnum
Ezek^{l} Foster	Eph^{m} Andrews	Joseph Getchell
Danl Hill	Joseph Holmes	Henry Griffith
Benj^{a} Foster J^{r}	Saml Rich	Japheth Hill
James Dillaway	Joseph Munson	Saml Hill J^{r}
George Scott	Josiah Libbee	Westbrook Berry
Saml Scott	Saml Holmes	Jon^{a} Berry
Joseph Sevey	Jon^{a} Carlton	Reuben Libbee
Wooden Foster	Stephen parker	Jacob Foster
Arth^{r} Dillaway	Jon^{a} Woodruff	Jno Wooden Foster
Aaron Hanscom	Daniel Stone	Eben^{r} Fitts
Saml Libbee	Abiel Sprague J^{r}	Jno Scott
George Sevey	Abiel Sprague	Benj^{a} Getchel
Isaac Larrabee	Widow Sarah Libbee	John Berry
the Heirs of Benj^{a} Foster dec^{d}		Obadiah Hill
Solomon Stone	Silvanus Scott	George Libbee
Amos Boynton	Jacob Libbee	

The following Thirteen persons were also Original Grantees, but for divers reasons it is submitted to the court, whither they are entitled to a share —

Jeremiah Jenks,	John Whiland,	Benj^{a} Holmes
Benj^{a} Stone,	Saml Stewart,	Jno Coffin Jones
Jno Croker	Ezek^{l} Foster jun^{r}	Jno Bohannon,
Ich^{d} Jones,	Archelous Hammond	
Reuben Croker,	Thos Libbee	

The following persons are settlers in Machias and not in the Original Grant.

David Gardner Junr	Peter Colbroth	John Holmes
Elijah Gardner	Tim^{o} Andrews	James Sprague
Joshua Brown	Israel Andrews	Ralph Haycock
Jabez Huntly	Ephraim Chase	Daniel Elliot
George Thompson	James Gooch	Josiah Libbee J^{r}
Stephen Young	Step^{n} Munson	John Howard
John Foster	Joseph Munson Jr	Stephen Fogg
Benj^{a} Foster 3^{d}	Peter Richardson	Benj^{a} Pettegrow
Wm Tupper	David Prescott	Ephraim Andrews
Timothy Andrews	Israel Andrews	Ja^{s} Lyon
Jabez Huntly	Jacob Foster	John Foster
Benj^{a} Foster 3^{d}	Joseph Munson	Stephen Munson
Joseph Munson Jr	William Shannon	David Gardner
Benj^{a} Foster	J. Noble Shannon	Silvenus Scott
John Crokon	David Gardner J^{r}	Elijah Gardner
Stephen Smith	Elisha Mayhew	Morris O'Brien
Joseph O'Brien	Job Burnum	Henry Watts
Samuel Burnum	John Watts	Stephen Young
Obidiah Hill	Theodore Hill	Joseph Hill
Samuel Shaw	Jones Dyer	Ephraim Chase
Joseph Getchell J^{r}	Joseph Getchell	Jonathan Pineo
Solomon Stone	Daniel Stone	Enoch Waterhouse
Joseph Averel	Jeremiah O'brien	Ladwick Holway
John O'brien	Daniel Elliot	Gideon O'brien
William O'brien	Joseph Libbee	Wm Albee
James Dillaway	George Sevey	Aaron Hanscomb
Joseph Homes	Francis Miller	Jonas Farnsworth

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of James Noble Shannon Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner is owner of a valuable tract of Land lying in Cumberland in Nova Scotia: which land was attached by certain persons in Nova Scotia, for the payment of some debts due to them, and which debts do not amount to one fifth part of the value of said lands: and if said debts are not paid before the month of May next, Executions will be issued, and said Lands sold to satisfy the aforesaid debts, and Cost of Court: which will be greatly to the damage of your petitioner, who, living in this State, dare not go into Nova Scotia without leave first obtained from your honors. And your petitioner has the utmost reason to think (there being debts due to him in that province) that if he was permitted to go to the Towns of Cumberland, Horton and Cornwallis, in the said province of Nova Scotia, he could settle with his Creditors, and hold said Land —

Therefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Honors, that he may be permitted to go to the Towns of Cumberland, Horton & Cornwallis in Nova Scotia, to settle his business at said places, and receive the protection of this and the other United States, in going to and returning from said province with his Effects.

And as in duty bound will ever pray

J. Noble Shannon

Machias Jany 1st 1779.

State of Massachusetts Bay, Cumberland 4th Jan'y 1779.

To the Honourable the council and the Honble House of Representatives of said State in Genl Court assembled.

The Petition of the Subscribers a Committee chosen this Day by the Sufferers in Falmouth by the barbarous Fire of Capt Mowat 18th Octr 1775, whereby their houses and other Property, were destroyed;— humbly Shews that many of the sufferers have ever since been put to the Extremest Difficul-

ties to procure necessaries of Life, and are now brought to their Wits End, and know not where to apply for Relief but to your Honours. — Many of them are without Bread, and many more have it but seldom; they have strove hard to Subsist without complaining, but the Exigence of the Times now presses to that Degree, they are constrained to let their piteous Case be known to your Honours.

Bread the Staff of Life is not here to be bought, and if it was they have not money to purchase it; we wou'd mention Instances of Distress that wou'd affect your Honors, among the aged the Widows & Fatherless, but will forbear to wound your Ears with lamentable Tales.

We therefore humbly pray, that your Honors, Fathers of the People, wou'd consider their difficult Circumstances & grant them a little Corn or Flour or Rice out of the publick stores: or otherwise give them present Relief.

And we wish your Honours (if consistent) wou'd recommend to our Humane & christian Brethren in the State, who are able: to pity our Distress and relieve us by sending such relief to this Committee to be distributed to those who are most in need: and may the Blessings of those who are ready to Perish be their Reward.

We humbly submit this Supplication for our poor Suffering Brethren, to your Honours wise and compassionate consideration and pray for something to make Bread of, for their Present Subsistance, or any other Relief your Honour's may think proper, & your Petitioners as in Duty Bound, will ever pray &c

Enoch Freeman Nat. Green Moody Moses Plumer

State of Mass^a Bay York ss

To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representatives In General Court Assembled Jany 6th 1779.

Joseph Bragdon of York in said County, Gent., humbly begs leave to Remonstrate to this Honble Court.

That he being one of the Constables of the Town of York for the year 1773, was Impower'd to Collect and Order'd to pay in to the Honble Harrison Gray Esqr then Province Treasurer or his Successor one hundred and twenty Pounds on Acc^{t} of the said Towns Proportion of the Province Tax that year—£88.. 16.. 8 of which he paid to the s^{d} late Treas^{r} Gray at three several Times and took his Receipts for the same in the following manner, namely—

the first payment was	£ 5..	10..	4
The second 15th Sept. 1774	46..	3..	6
The third Novr 6, 1774	37..	2..	10
Which makes the said	88..	16..	8
Since which viz Augt 30 1776, he p^{d} the remaining	31..	3..	4
to the present Treasurer Mr Gardner, which Compl^{t} ye s^{d}	120..	0..	0

and suppos'd the Treasurers Books were all Ballanc^{d} respecting him

But so it happens, The former Treasurer Mr Gray not having given your Petitioner Credit in his Book for the two last mention^{d} Payments made him as aforesaid as your Petitioner suppos'd he had: Execution has since been Issued against him for the same, upon which, looking for his Receipts finds he has Misplac'd or lost them, not having taken that care which other ways he would; had he not suppos'd he had Credit given him as aforesaid. And now he has no other Evidence at present of the said two last payments to Mr Gray, than his own Entry made in his Rate List at the Time of his paying them, as aforesaid, and his Father Mr Daniel Bragdon's Oath by whose hands the said £37.. 2.. 10 was paid.

Wherefore your Petitioner Prays the Court to cause the

said Execution to be suspended, And Grant or allow him the aforesaid two sums being Eighty-three Pounds six shillings and four pence paid Mr Gray as aforesaid, the Receipts being lost notwithstanding And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall pray &c.

Joseph Bragdon

Boston Aug 10, 1774

Rec^{d} of Mr Joseph Bragdon Constable of York — Thirty-one pounds Eleven shillings & Eight pence in full for 1772 & five Pounds, Ten Shillings & four pence in part for 1773.

Harrison Gray — Treasurer.

31—11—8
5 —10—4
37— 2—0

Receiver General's Office, Watertown 30st August 1776

Received of Mr. Joseph Bragdon the Sum of Thirty-one Pounds, Three Shillings & 4^{d} —— being Part of the Province Tax set on the Town of York — by the General Court in the year 1773 — For which Sum I have given the said Bragdon — another Receipt of the same Tenor & date with this.

£31: 3: 4 Jno Furnass for the Treasurer.

York SS York Jany 2^{d} 1779.

then Joseph Bragdon personally appearing Solemnly made Oath to the truth of the several matters contain'd in the foregoing Petition by him Subscribed

before me: Danl Moulton Jus: Peace

York SS. York Jany 2^{d} 1779

Mr. Danl Bragdon personally appearing Solemnly made Oath. That some Time in the fall of the year 1774, as he thinks was in Novem^{b} he paid Mr Harrison Gray late Province Treasurer a Sum of Money sent to him by Joseph Brag-

don then one of the Constables of York which Sum according to the best of the said Daniels remembrance was £37.. 2.. 10 or thereabouts and took the said Treas^{rs} Receipt for the same in favour of the said Joseph the Constable and gave it him at his Return home

Before me Danl Moulton, Jus. Peace.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of said State, in general Court Assembled at Boston January 6th 1779.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth

That on the eleventh Day of June — A. D. 1771, the then great and general Court, Granted to David Phips Esqr and others, the legal Heirs and Representatives of those Soldiers who were employed in the Expedition to Canada in the year 1690 — a Town ship of Land of the Contents of Six Miles and three Quarters square in the unappropriated lands, in the late Province of Maine to the Eastward of Saco River, upon the following Conditions, vizt That the Grantees within Seven years Settle eighty Families in said Township, Build a House for the public Worship of God, Settle a Learned Protestant Minister, and lay out one Eighty-fourths Parts for the first Settled Minister, one eighty-fourths Parts for the Use of a School in said Township and One eighty fourth Part for the use of Harvard College forever: also that they return a Plan thereof Taken by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath within Twelve Months — which Conditions have been so far complyed with as there has been a Plan thereof taken by a Surveyor and Chainmen under Oath, returned and Accepted, the Township lotted out, Roads cleared, &c, at the Expence of about Three Thousand Dollars — upon the completing of which the present cruel and unnatural War

commencing rendered and still continues it impossible, to proceed any further in the fulfilment of the conditions of said Grant.

Your Petitioners therefore Pray this Honorable Court to take the Premises under their wise Consideration and allow them such further Time after the Conclusion of the present war for fulfilling the remaining Conditions of the Grant aforesaid as they in their Wisdom shall think proper.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Nathaniel Bridge Elijah Livermore

Committee in Behalf of the Propriety

Waltham Jan'y 4th 1779.

To the honorable the Council and House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled at Boston January ye 6th A. D. 1779.

the subscribers Inhabitants of Berwick, York, Kittery and Wells in the County of York and state aforesaid Humbly shew that they were formerly greatly oppressed by the Incursions of their savage Enemies and have most of them been personally engaged in the present War with Great Britain and declare themselves to be friends to the Rights Privileges and Independency of the united states of America that it has formerly been the custom of this honorable Court to Grant Townships of unappropriated Lands to persons of such chareters but that neither your Petitioners nor their Father have been favored with the like Privilege your Petitioners therefore humbly pray this honorable Court to grant them for a sufficient Consideration certain Tract of Land nine Miles square in the county of York aforesaid beginning six miles East of the Province line adjacent to the Rivers Great Ossipee and Saco on the south side of said Rivers or

some other Township of equal Extent adjacent or near the Land afore said and as in Duty bound will ever pray.

Chas Chauncy Edwd Grow Samuel Butler
Daniel Libby Nicolas Sewall Joseph Pray J^{r}
William Grow Humphrey chadbourne Thomas Hodsdon J^{r}
Matthew Merriam Johnson Moulton Samuel Grant
Ebenezer Lord James Donnell David Lord
Joseph Prime Danl Wheelwright J^{r} Jeremiah Libbey
Nathan Lord Esaias preble Aaron Chick
Humphrey chadbourne Jr Joseph Sewall James Grand
John Brackett Jonathan Nowell Joshua Roberts
Jon^{a} Hamilton J^{r} Joseph Grant Stephen Farell
Moses Ricker Aaron Hanson Trustiam fall
Jacob Shorey Patrick gowan Humphrey Lord
James Goodwin J^{r} Caleb Lord Stephen Hardison
James Roberts Ebenez^{r} Towns charles Libbey
Thomas Butter Thomas Hardison John Hossom
Philipe Yeatton Simeon Lord Solomon Hamilton
John Tucker Thomas chadbourne Timothy Wentworth
Humphry chadbourne 3rd Jeames Shorey Elifalet Randal
Jonathan Wealch Joseph chadbourne J^{r} Joseph Ricker
Wintworth Lord Elisha Andrews Junr Jeremiah Rendal
Jeames Bracket Samuel Pray Junr George Seater
Joshua Quint Moses Wamouth Jeh^{d} Hayes
Joseph Lord Joseph chadbourn Ebenezer Libbey
Ebenezer Tibbets Henry hambelton Josiah chase
Samuel Junkins Joshua Moore Benj^{a} Stevens
Robert Follet Richard Cutts Samuel Gerrish
William Hoolbroock Willm Moore Joseph Simpson^{third}
Samuel Darby John Nowell Ebe^{r} Simpson
John Littlefield John Littlefield J^{r} Daniel Littlefield
Noah M. Littlefield Jeremiah Littlefield 3rd Joseph Hobbs
Simeon Chadbourn Aaron Wheelwright Saml Sawyer
Ebenezar Littlefield Jonathan Hatch Josiah Staples

To the Honorable Council of the State of Massu^{ts} Bay

Gentelmen you was Pleased sometime Sence to Honnour me with a Commission appointing me to a Command of a Company of Mattroses in the Brigade Commanded by John Frost Esqr

I now am removed from York to Sanford a Place about Twenty miles from the Sea Coast — and I Suppose it Most Proper for the Parson Commanding that Company to Reside at York. I Now May ask the Favour, of your Honnours that I may have Leave to Resighn that imployment (at Least for the Present) and at the Same time give me Leave to assure your Honnours that it is not out of Fear or any other Motive, but the aforementioned — and allso Lett me assure your Honnours, that I am Ready at all times to Risk my Life and my Littell all in the Service of the State — in whatever imployment your Honnours, Shall think Best to imploy me in. I am with the Gratest Sincerity

Your Honnours Most obeadent most Humbel Servant

Saml Nasson

Sanford November 24, 1778.

In Council Jan'y 11 — 1779 Read & Ordered that the Resignation of Saml Nasson as Commander of a Matroses Company in the Brig^{de} whereof John Frost Esqr is Brigadier be & hereby is Accepted.

Jno Avery D. Sec'y.

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay aforesaid in Great & General Court convened at Boston —

The petition of Mary Wallingford of Somersworth in the County of Stratford & State of New Hampshire Widow & Relict of Ebenezer Wallingford late of said Somersworth Gentleman deceased Testate, most humbly Shews

That on the Ninth day of May A. D. 1775, the said Ebenezer made and executed his last will and Testament of which he made your petitioner sole Executrix and (provided she remains unmarried) gave her the whole of his real Estate for Life.

That within a few days after making his Will the said Ebenezer died, leaving Debts unsettled and due from his Estate to a considerable amount more than his personal Estate as Inventoried — and as your petitioner hath already expended for defraying said Debts, sums to the amount of said Personal Estate, all of which Debts are not yet satisfied, she is under the Necessity of disposing of some part of his real Estate for that purpose.

That the said Ebenezer died Seized of several Tracts of wild & uncultivated Land in the county of York & State of Massachusetts Bay aforesaid, which in the apprehension of your petitioner are the most proper to sell for a complete discharge of the Debts of the said Ebenezer — But, upon due Consideration & Advisement your petitioner is informed that no Court in the Massachusetts Bay (other than the Great & General Court) is authorized to Licence the Sale of said Lands — the statutes of 1696 & 1770 not extending to her case.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honours that an Act or Resolve may pass the Great & General Court aforesaid authorizing & empowering the Judge of the probate of Wills &c for the county of York aforesaid to grant License for the sale of the Lands in said county belonging to the Estate of said Ebenezer in order to discharge his debts — or grant her such other aid herein as your Honors in your Wisdom shall deem proper — and, as in Duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c

Mary Wallingford

Somersworth Jany 11, 1779

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council of said State

Humbly Sheweth that we the Subscribers Do Recommend Josiah Chase to be Adjutant for the first Rigement in the County of York some time Remain you^{r} Honor^{s} most obe^{t} and Very Hum^{ble} Ser^{vts}

Edwd Grow Col. John Littlefield Lt Col. John Nowell Major

York, Dec. 29th 1778.

In Council Jany 11, 1779 Read & Sent down

John Avery D. Secy.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives, January 12, 1779.

The House made choice by ballot of Josiah Chace as an Adjutant to the first Regiment of Militia in the County of York.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Jan'y 12, 1779 Read & Concurred.

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives January 12, 1779.

Whereas Nathaniel Thwing Esqr Agent for the Estate of Charles Callahan of Pownalboro' in the County of Lincoln an absentee received a Resolve of the General Court bearing Date April 29, 1778, directing him to pay Rebecca the wife of the s^{d} Charles Callahan the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Seventy Pounds of which Sum s^{d} Thwing has paid to s^{d} Rebecca Callahan, since which she has clandestinely gone off to the Enemy.

Therefore — Resolved that Nathaniel Thwing Esqr Agent for the Estate of Charles Callahan be directed & he hereby is directed not to pay Rebecca Callahan, the wife of s^{d} Charles, her Heirs, Assigns, or Attorney the Remainder of the above s^{d} sum of Two Hundred Pounds, but that he be directed and he hereby is directed to retain s^{d} sum in his Hands till the further Order of the Court or till he account therefor as agent to said Estate.

Sent up for concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 12th 1779

Read & Concurred

Jno Avery D. Secy

Abstract of a pay Roll for David Rider of Yarmouth Prize master on Board the Brig^{n} Hazard in the year 1777 Simeon Samson Commander in the Service of the State of Massachusetts Bay — from the 20th day of May 1778 To ye 7th of Octr following being 4 months & Seventeen Days Being the Time of the said Riders Captivity until he arrived at Boston.

David Rider — 4 months & 17 Days wages

@ £3 p^{r} month	£13. 14. 0
137 Rations @ 2/	13. 14. 0
	27 : 8 : 0

Errors Excepted David Rider.

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives of s^{d} State.

The petition of David Rider of Yarmouth in the County of Barnstable Mariner humbly sheweth that your Petitioner sometime in August in the year of our Lord seventeen hun-

dred & seventy-seven shipped on board the Brigantine Hazard bound on a cruize for six Months as Prize Master that on the twenty-second Day of April following the crew on board the said Brigantine Hazard took the Brigantine Elizabeth in which the said Rider was put prize Master to bring her into the port of Boston that on the second day of May following the said Brigantine Elizabeth was retaken by the British ship Rainbow & carried to Halifax & the said Ryder in her in consequence of which the said Rider's Name was not made up in the abstract of the Brigantine Hazard by reason of which he has not received the wages due to him from the state from the twentieth day of May in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred & seventy eight to the seventh day of october following therefore your petitioner humbly prays that he may be paid the wages which are due to him from s^d twentieth Day of May to the s^d seventh day of october & that he may have the Monies which he expended while in Prison refunded him which amounted to the Sum of sixteen Spanish mille^d Dollars for which I was Obliged To pay in this State ninety six Dollars To Capt Bishop of Plymouth who supplied with the hard money at Halifax.

As he in duty bound shall ever pray

David Rider

In Council Jany 16, 1779 Read & Sent down

Jno Avery Dep. Secy.

Machias 22^d January 1779

To the Honble The General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The address and Petition of the Inhabitants of Machias Deeply Impress'd with a Sense of the callamities hitherto happen'd in the United States, the unhappy & Deplorable Circumstances of many parts, Occasioned by the arbitrary

& Despotic Designs of the British Ministry, pursued by a cruel & unnatural Prince & Venial Parliament, which with the present Pertrubation and Anxiety of mind of the Inhabitants of this Eastern Country on the Situation of these parts wou'd with all humble Submission approach the Supreme Senate of this State as to an Indulgent and Affectionate Parent, Trusting and Relying that by their Candour, Humanity & Wisdom, will attend to our Requisition.

We acknowledge with a sense of Gratitude the many favours hitherto received from your hands.

The present Exigences of times this way compells us to Trouble you, as our Situation must appear truly Deplorable shou'd we be necessitated with only our Own Strength to repell the storm we are threatned with from our Enemies.

Notwithstanding the Indigency of the Country we have hitherto exerted ourselves to the utmost of our Power and Ability being always ready & willing to attend every Summons, particularly when the Safety of our Country Depended and always hoped by our conduct to give such satisfaction as to merit the approbation of our Country — But alas we are Oblig'd to Declare our Poverty, and that our strength is Exhausted and a scene of Destruction appears before our Eyes, Shoud our Enemies make another attempt, our Dwellings which were always an Assilum for the Stranger and distressed, appears in another light. Familys Ragged & Naked & but a bear sufficiency of Food to preserve life, and that procured with Indefatigueable pains & Difficulties. The Lumber Trade that we were formerly benefitted by is now become as nothing, and the Trifle which we kept up was by the Excursions of the Enemy's cruisers the past Fall intirely consumed & Destroyed, so that Destruction and Devastation is too Glaring to our view Lett us turn which way we will.

We have still Hearts willing & Hands ready to oppose our

common Enemy, to Defend the Interest to support the Liberty and Honour of our Country, but when we consider, shoud it only Depend upon ourselves our Spirits Shrinks and we feel nothing but Anguish & Grief —

The Subscribers, Inhabitants of Machias aforesaid have met together and have (as agreed upon by a number of other settlements) maturely and Deliberately Examin'd into the situation of these eastern Settlements, and are but too well acquainted with their Difficulties which are but few to what might be mentioned — Do now humbly request that your Honour's woud take the Premisses under your wise consideration and Grant us Support & Relief — That a sufficient number of Armed Vessels may be sent on the Coast for the protection of our Trade. That a sufficient Body of Troops with Fortifications and Necessaries conformable may be sent to prevent the Ruin of so valuable a Country, and that an hand of pity & compassion may extend in Aiding & Assisting with some supplys, those who by all human Appearances will Inevitably suffer for want -- For a more particular Dissatisfaction of our Affairs & Situation we Solicit That Colo. John Allan, Colo. Alexander Campbell & Major Geo: Stillman be heard on our behalf & your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

		J. Noble Shannon
Wooden Foster	Ephraim Andrews	Joseph Hoalms
Joseph Getchel Jr	Joseph Getchel	Joseph Hill
Timothy Andrews	Jared Andrews	Joseph Libbee
George Sevey	Job Bararre	Samuel Scott
John Croken	Benja Foster Jr	Samuel Rich
John Swett	Enoch Waterhouse	Joseph Averel
Wm Albee	Samuel Burnam	John Fulton
Robt Sharp	David Longfellow	Stephen Jones
Benja Foster	Jeremiah O'Brien	Morris O'Brien
Gideon O'Brien	Daniel Meservy	Peter Talbot

Stephen Smith	Ja^{s} Lyon	Joseph Sevey
Silvanus Sevey	John Wooden Foster	Joseph Munson
Joseph Munson J^{r}	Stephen Munson	John Munson
Robert Munson	Samuel Shaw	Silvanus Scott
Donald McDonald	John Berry	Aaron Hanscom p order
Benjamin fos	John Watts	Henry Watts
Stephen Young	Obediah Hill	Nathan Longfellow
Janes Dillaway	Jonathan Pineo	Solomon Stone
Daniel Stone	Francis Miller	Samuel Davis Bryant
Wm Tupper	Ladwick Holway	

Falmouth, Jany 22nd 1779.

To the Honourabel Board of War at Boston

Agreable to Your order I now Send you the Remaining Part of clothing Collected in the County of Cumberland haveing Rec^{d} no Receipt for what Clothing I sent you by Capt. William Harper the 30th of October who Informs me that the Clothing was Delivered at Your Store But the Acct. Being sent by the post Possibly might not be Rec^{d} by Your honours — therefore Shall inclose you an Acct. of the whol Sent to you — and Likewise Send general Return of all the Clothing Sent to the Army and to the Honorable Board of War to be Log'd in the Secretaries office

From Your Servt at Com^{d}

Daniel C. Ilsley.

An Acct. of Clothing Sent By Capt William Harper October the 30th, 1778. Pack^{t} in three Hogsheads —

	Shirts	Shoos	Stockings	
Hg^{ds} No. 1 Containing	133	22	132	
" No. 2 Containing	106	92	16	
" No. 3 Containing	69	66	66	
	308	180	214	Oct. 30th 1778

Jany 22nd 1779 Sent by
Capt. William Harper 90

Shirts, 159 Pairs of Shoos &				
74 p^{r} Stockings Pack^{t} in	98	159	74	Jan'y 22nd 1779
two hogheads N° 4 & 5	406	339	288	Sum totall

Daniel Ilsley

To the Honourable Board of War at Boston.

	Shirts	Shoos	Stockings
P. S. clothing sent to Pennsylvania	188	252	246
Sum total of all the clothing Collected in the County of Cumberland	594	591	534

the Peticulars of what Each Town Provided are in my General Returns Dated Jan'y 1st 1779 Log^{d} in the Secretaries office.

Falmouth Jan'y 22nd, 1779.

Daniel Ilsley
Agent for the County of Cumberland

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives; In Gener^{ll} Court Assembled. 1779

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Pleasant River in the Eastern Part of said State: now assembled this 23^{d} Day of January A. D. 1779. Beg leave to Represent to your Honours the very Distressing Situation of this Place for want of provisions, as well every necessary, almost, in Life: occasioned in Part, by the Great Drought the Last Summer, here we had not halfe crops of Grain &c. But the more alarming it is Being Deprived of most all communication with our own State, by the Hostility of the British ministrys sending the men of war & arm'd Vessels along all this shore that snaps up most all the vessels that offers to Pass: Moreover they have Blockd up some of our harbours this winter: Some of us for want of Bread, it Being the most Valuable thing:

have sent our meat & fish &c. to market in Deck^{t} Boats, to buy Bread & clotheing, hopeing they might escape, in shore But they were taken and Plundred (The same meat & fish would have been some support to us) So let us Look which way we will, our case is most Deploreable, Notwithstanding, we are, & will be, Loyal to the States of America. And we are willing to spend our Lives, for the Rights and Libertis of our country, if occasion calls. But we are so Lame now: that if the Enemy should make such attempts as they have Don on this Eastern Country, we know not what the event will be. We know not where to Look for help, But to our Parents. Therefore Look upon it our Duty to Lay our case & circumstance Before your Honours, Relying upon it that you will not only from Principles of Reason & Justice suffer so valuable a country to fall into the hands of the Enemy; But from your Known Goodness & Compassion (Not only in General; But to us in perticular which we must mention with Gratitude, and thank your Honours, for what we have Recev^{d}) Take our case into your wise consideration, and Pray your Honours, would Grant us such Relief & Supplies of Provisions, arms, ammunition, soldiers, arm'd Vessels & Fortifications &c., As Your Honours In your Great Wisdom and Goodness shall see meet. (For further Information we Refer to Colo^{ll} John Allan of Mechias)

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Joseph Wilson, Daniel Merit.

In behalfe of the Whole Body.

The Inhabitants of Pleasant River have Been Duly warned & met this day and voted the within Petition To be sent to the General Court and Made choice of Capt. Joseph Wilson and Mr Daniel Merit to signe the said Petition In behalfe of the Whole Body

Test Edmund Stevens Clark

January the 23^{d} 1779.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Jany 23, 1779.

On the Petition of James Noble Shannon praying for leave to go to Cumberland Cornwallis & Horton in Nova Scotia—

Resolved that the said James Noble Shannon be and he hereby is permitted to go to Cumberland, Cornwallis & Horton in Nova Scotia for the Purposes mentioned in s^{d} Petition, and to return with his Effects into this State within six months from this Date — And all Commanders of Arm'd Vessels in the Service of the United States, are hereby desired and Commanders of Armed Vessells in the Service of this State are directed not to molest the said Shannon in going to or returning from Nova Scotia as aforesaid.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Jany 23^{d} 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the honorable the council and honorable the house of Representatives of said state in great and general Court assembled

The Petition of Joanna Wyer wife of Thomas Wyer late of Falmouth in the county of Cumberland, Mariner, humbly sheweth:— That her said husband is now at New York & is one of those who by a late law of this State are prohibited from returning into it: That he, apprised of this prohibitory law, has signified his intentions, if leave can be obtained, of coming in a flagg, as soon as the Spring season will permit, for the purpose of carrying her to New York, and that however reluctant she is to leave the place of her nativity, yet her superior affection to her husband has deter-

mined her to go with her child to reside with him, if leave can be obtained for that purpose.

Wherefore She humbly prays your honors to permit her said husband to come to said Falmouth for the purpose afores[d] in a flagg, and that they may be permitted to depart and to carry with them their household furniture & Linnen and as in duty bound she will ever pray etc.

Joanna Wyer.

Falmouth January 27, 1779.

To the Hon[ble] the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial and Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Machias — in behalf of themselves and their Associates according to the List annexed Humbly Sheweth

That whereas this Township was granted to a number of persons in the year 1770, with a proviso, that the then Royal Approbation Should be obtained in eighteen Months from that time, which approbation has not yet been obtained: and the fee of said Lands is now solely in this State.

Since the commencement of the present War, many familys and others (not included in the former grant) have Settled and made considerable improvements on said Land; therefore your petitioners pray that your Honors would regrant said Land to such of the former grantees as Shall be approved by your Honors, and to the present settlers who were not in the former grant. And in as much as the former grant does not contain land sufficient to accomodate all the Settlers, we pray that an addition may be made thereto, the whole of which is according to the following bounds, viz[t] beginning at a dry Rock, at a place called the Eastern Bay, near the house of Sam[l] Holmes, and extending North Ten degrees West Ten Miles, thence West, ten degrees South,

ten miles, thence South ten degrees East to the Sea, thence East ten degrees North, ten miles, or until a line from thence making a right angled plain triangle, Shall Strike the bounds first mentioned; together with all the Islands fronting the same towards the Sea; to us, our heirs and assigns forever, Tenants in common

And your petitioners further pray that your Honors would Incorporate us into a Town by the Name of Gatesborough and that we may enjoy all the priviledges of a corporate body: as we suffer many inconveniences for want thereof which will be more fully sett forth to your Honors by Col° John Allan & Maj^r George Stillman, who will present this petition together with the names of the original grantees and of those who have since come in, And as in duty bound your petitioners will Ever pray &c

Machias January 27, 1779.

Silvanus Sevey	Jn° Sanborn	William Obrien
John Obrian	James Eliot's heirs	Col° John Allan
William Shannon	James Noble Shannon	Davis Bryant
Stephen Smith	Maj^r George Stillman	David Prescutt
Francis Miller	Jonas Farnsworth	Danl Hoit
John Croker	Henry Watts	Jon^a Pineo
Joseph Averil	Benj^a Foss	Joseph Getchel J^r
David Libbee	Benj^a Harmon	Revd James Lyon
Jabez West	Peter Talbot	Eleazer Hathaway
Tim° Young	Joel Bonney	Manwarring Beal
James Flinn	Elisha Mahew	Ladwick Holway
William Tupper	Joseph O'brien	Samuel Shaw
William Albee		

A List of the present Settlers of Machias which were not in the original grant.

†David Gardner J^r	†Elijah Gardner	†Joshua Brown
†Jabez Huntly	†George Thompson	†Stephen Young
John Foster	†Benj^a Foster	†Peter Colbroth

Tim° Andrews Israel Andrews †Ephraim Chase
*Benj^a Gouch bo^t Reuben Crokers right
*Benj^a Gouch Jr bo^t ½ a right of Jon^a Carlton
†James Gooch Saml Scott Jr Steph^n Munson
*Wams Henderson *Joseph Lemont bought Arthur Dillaway's right Joseph Munson Jr †Peter Richardson
*Haddeus Toupe bo't of an orig^l grantee
*P——— *P——— bo't of Jones John Holmes
†James Sprague †Ralph Haycock Josiah Libbee Jr
†John Howard †Step^n Fogg †Benj^a Pettegrow
Silvanus Sevey John Sanborn Wm Obrian
Jn° Obrian †James Eliot's heirs †John Allan Esqr
Wm Shannon †Ja^s Noble Shannon †Davis Bryant
†Steph^n Smith George Stillman †David Prescutt
†Francis Miller †Jonas Farnsworth †Dan'l Hoit
†Jn° Croker †Jon^a Pineo †Joseph Averil
†Benj^a Foss †Joseph Getchel J^r David Libbee
†Benj^a Harmon †Revd James Lyon Jabez West
†Peter Talbot Eleazer Hathaway †Tim° Young
*James Brown bot of an orig^l grantee †Joel Bonney
†James Flinn †Manwarring Beal †Elisha Mahew

N.B. those who are maked thus (†) have family's & made improvement. those marked (*) whose names are scratched out purchased of the original grantees & hold under them

State of the Massachusetts Bay

To the hon° the council and house of Representatives in great and general court assembled.

The Petition of Betty Pote of Falmouth in the county of Cumberland wife of Jeremiah Pote late of said Falmouth, Mariner, humbly sheweth: —

That her said Husband is one of those who by a late law of this State are prohibited from returning to and living in

it. That although he is at present a prisoner at Portsmouth in New hampshire he hopes soon to be at Liberty to return to New York from whence he came to said Portsmouth — In which case he has signified his desire that she should go with him if he should not go till the Spring, or if he should, that he might be permitted then to return in a flagg for the purpose of carrying her thither,— and that, altho, it is with the greatest reluctance, yet her Superior affection to her husband determines her to quit the place of her nativity to reside with him if leave can be obtained for that purpose.

Wherefore She humbly prays that your honors would grant her leave with their son either to depart with her said husband, when he may go or for him to return or send for her to said Falmouth for that purpose, and that she may also be permitted to carry with her their negro woman, also Ezekiel Sawyer an apprentice, if he desires to go, and also her Linnen and household furniture.

Betty Pote

Falmouth January ye 29, 1779.

Ebenezer Wallingford of Somersworth in New Hampshire made his Will and appointed his Wife mary Sole Executrix and there dies leaving Real and Personal Estate and likewise leaving Real Estate in the County of York. The Executrix (who has all the real estate of the Testator given her for life if she continues unmarried) Proves the Will before the Judge of Probate for ye County of Stafford in N. Hampshire where the Testator lived, was an Inhabitant, and died, and was Indebted more than the amount of all his Personal Estate and as the Lands, lying in the County of York are Wild and uncultivated she apprehends, it will be best to dispose of the Lands in York County for the paiment of Debts.

The Question is Whether there is any Court in the State of Massachusetts Bay Enabled to authorize her to sell this

Land in York County for the paiment of Debts due from the Testator?

The Statute of Massachusetts made in 1696, making Lands & Tenements liable to paiment of Debts — Enable the Sup. Court holden for and within the County where such deceased Person last dwelt to make Sale & in 1770 another Act Impowers the same Court in any County to Licence the Executor to make sale, where they might have done it, by the first act in year 1696, and gives the Inferior Court a Concurrent Jurisdiction, where the lands lay. But by the particular Wording of the Act, this case of Mrs. Wallingfords (& others, under the like circumstances) does not come within the Words of it and therefore there does not appear to me to be any Court in Mass^a Bay authorized to order sale of these Lands in York County — and that therefore Mrs. Wallingford's only Way to obtain a legal authority to make sale of them will be to Petition the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay, Setting forth the Particular State of the Facts as they really are, and that Court will doubtless grant her request.

David Sewall.

Falmouth February 1st 1779

This may Certify that William Rideout a Soldier of Capt Blassdel's Company Col^o Wigglesworths Regt., was Brought Home by his Father, Blind from Pennsylvania Last September & he still Remaineth blind and Not Able to Do anything for his Subsistance.

Nathl Carll Step^n Waite Pearson Jones
Selectmen of Falmouth

To the Honble Genr^l Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of William Rideout —

Humbly Sheweth that your Honour's Petitioner has had a Son in the Service ever Since the Continental Army was

Raised for three years Untill September last past, in a Company Commanded by Capt Nicholas Blassdel in Col^{o} Wiglesworth's Reg^{t} But by Reason of his haveing the Small Pox & the Feaver Striking with it he lost the sight of both his eyes, & is Intirely Blind & your Honours Petitioner Hearing that his Son was in such a Condition, Set out after him August the fourteenth last & Accordingly found him in Pennsylvania at the Yellow Springs Hospital & Got him home the twenty-eighth Day of September Following after a long & tedious Gurney in which your Petitioner spent Seventy-five Pounds & as he is in very Low Circumstances Beggs that your Honours would Consider him in his Expences & that your Honours would Likewise Consider his Son who is yet Blind, that your Honours woud Order that he may Draw some Provision at The store in this town or els where your Honours shall think Proper as he is intirely unable to Get any Subsistance at Present and to all appearance is Likely to Remain the Same by his being intirely Blind. Your Honours Granting the above Petition will much Oblidge your Poor & Distressed Humble Servant.

William Rideout

To the Honourable council and house of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay — The Memorial of Jonas Farnsworth in behalf of Capt. John Scott Humbly Sheweth :—

That some time in the Latter Part of the year 1776 by Vertue of an order Rec^{d} from Co^{ll} Jonathan Eddy to Raise a Party of men to Rearinforce him and his Party Engaged against fort Cumberland, Did amediately Leave all his Private Business and with the utmost Dispatch Raised a number of men as Pr. Rolls Sett forth: for said Purpose, and amediately Sat of for to joyn S^{d} Eddy at Cumberland, supplying

himself and men by his own Cost and charge, till theay Returned to their Respective Places of aboade, and as Capt. West and Capt. Boudron: who was in the same service: at the same time: have brought forward their Rolls and have ben Pay^{d} by this Honorable Court, and as Capt Scott has ben almost Ever sence in the State Service hant had an oppetunity of bringing forward his Roll till Now.

Thearfour your memorilist Prays that your Honours would alow the s^{d} Capt. Scott and men: the Same Pay as others had for the Same Service: also alow the Rations Due to them for said Service, as well as the Expence for Boats, and some other amounts that shall apear Reasonable.

Likewise Prays that Capt. Jacob Ludwig and Company may have the Rations Due to them for their Service when Raised for the Defence of Machias, which have never ben Paid nor any alowance for the Same, as Pr Roll Shall appear justly Due.

also Prays that your Honours would Pay Two hundred and thirty one Days Rations that your memorilist advanced to Finding Persons in Capt Crosby Company when Raised for the Defence of Machias, and as other Companys in the same Service & at the Same Time Brought forward their Abstracts Last April and your Honours granted them the whole of the Rations that apeared justly Due, and as these matters never have been Layed before your Honours, nor by no way made any alowance for as yet —

your memorialist being Ready with Everything — Necessary to make the Several cases apear just and Reasonable, and being a grate Distance from home most Humbly Prays your Honours to take this matter into your wise Consideration and grant such Releaf as in your wisdom see Propper, and as your memorialist is in Duty bound will Ever Pray.

Jonas Farnsworth.

Boston February 1st 1779.

An account of all the Horses, neat Cattle, Sheep & Swine in the Town of Fryeburg taken by the Selectmen of said Town (in order to levy the Taxes on the Inhabitants thereof, which They were called upon for) February 1st 1779.

	Horses	Oxen 4 years old & upwards	Cows	Steers & Heiffers 3 years old	Ditto 2 years old	Ditto 1 year old	Sheep	Swine
Isaac Abbott	1	4	4	3	2			1
Aaron Abbott		2	2				5	2
Hezekiah Astin	1	2	2		1		3	1
Peter Astin	1	2	1	3			3	3
Hope Astin			2	2			1	2
Moses Ames	1	4	3				9	2
Nathan Ames			2		1		4	
John Bucknell	1		2					1
John Bucknell, Jr		2						
Simeon Bucknell		2					3	
Moses Buck		2	3			1		2
Abraham Bradley		2	3		2		2	3
John Charles	2	2	3		2	3	9	4
Abner Charles	1	2	2		1	1	6	4
Samuel Charles	1	2	3		2	2	9	3
Ezra Carter		2	2	1			7	4
Edward Carlton			2	1				2
Moses Day	1		3	2	2	2	6	4
Ebenezer Day	1	2	4	2	5	3	2	4
Jonathan Dresser	1		1				9	5
John Evans		2	3	1	4		7	3
David Evans	1	2	3				9	3
Richard Eastman	1		3	3	1	1	9	1
Joseph Emery	2	2	3		1			3
Job Eastman			1	2		1	7	1
William Eaton	1	2	2	1			2	2
Daniel Farrington	1	2	6	2	2	1	14	3
Ebenr Farnum	1							
Stephn Farington	1	2	3	1	4	2	10	5
John Farington	1	2	1		2		5	2
Putnam Farrington	2	2	1		4			
Ebenr Fessenden				1				
Joseph Frye	1	3	3	3	2	8	12	5
Joseph Frye Jr	1		4			3	11	4
Simon Frye	1	2	5	1		3	12	3
Henry Gordon		2	2		2		2	2
Hugh Gordon			1					1
Jons Hutchins	1	2	4	4			2	2
David Hardy		2	2					3

	Horses	Oxen 4 years old & upwards	Cows	Steers & Heiffers 3 years old	Ditto 2 years old	Ditto 1 year old	Sheep	Swine
Nath[ll] Hutchins		2	2	1			1	2
Jon[a] Hutchins J[r]	1							
Joshua Hasletine	2	2	3	2			5	3
Samuel Haywood			3					
Barns Hasletine		2						
Stephen Knight	1	2	2		2	2	2	3
Joseph Knight			1		2		1	
Benj[a] Kilgore	1	2	4		3	2	9	2
Joseph Kilgore		2	2		1	2		
Richard Kimbal	1	4	4		3	3	11	7
Joseph Lewis			1	1				
Nath[a] Merrill	1	2	3	5		2	7	4
Samuel Murry	1	2					1	1
Samuel Osgood	2	4	4	4	2	3	19	4
James Osgood				3		3	11	
James Parker		2	2				5	1
Caleb Swan	1	2	3	3	1	2		4
John Stevens	1	2	2	2	3		8	2
James Swan			2			2	6	1
William Steel				2				
Edward Shirly		2	2				4	3
Joseph Walker J[r]	1	2	2			2	5	2
Ezekiel Walker	1	2	5	2	4	2	9	3
Isaac Walker	1	2	2	1	1	2	6	3
Samuel Walker	1	2	3		3	2	5	3
Joseph Walker 3[d]	1		2			1	1	2
Samuel Walker J[r]	1		3		4		7	2
John Walker		2	2			1	4	
William Wiley	1	2	4	3			7	4
Benj[a] Wiley		2	2			2	7	4
James Whitham		2	2	2	2	1	5	1
Nath[ll] Walker			2		2		1	2
Daniel E. Cross			1					
John Curtis	1	1						1
Will[m] Kimball	1			2			3	
	48	107	162	66	73	61	340	154

Belonging to several of the above Inhabitants ten colts Last Spring Folds.

Moses Ames Joseph Frye J[r] Selectmen of Fryeburg.

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Humbly Shew that Harrison Gray Esqr late Treasurer of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in the year 1774 Issued his Executions against John Starbourd, Josiah Noyes & Isaac Ilsley then Delinquent Collectors for the Province Taxes set on said town of Falmouth, which Executions were put into the Hands of William Tyng, Esqr Sherriff of said County of Cumberland and were Discharged in part as will appear by said Tyng's Receipts & other papers Notwithstanding the said Starbourd Noyes & Ilsley, stands charged with whole debts and are now called upon to pay the same to Henry Gardner Esqr State Treasurer, therefore pray your Honours to take the matter into Considerations & grant them such relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper & as in Duty Bound shall ever pray Joseph Noyes

Boston February 2^{d} 1779

State of Mass. bay in new Engl^{d} Suffolk S.S.

At the superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and general goal Delivery begun and held at Boston within & for the County of Suffolk on the third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine —

John Underwood & al Apl^{ts} vs. Ivory Hovey & al Apl^{ts}

The Jury find the appellees guilty and assess Damages for the appellants six hundred and fifty pounds.

Judgment that the appellants recover said Sum with cost taxed at fifty-three pounds 5/6

Copy from the minute book Sam Winthrop Cler.

Costs of Court £ 53 : 5 : 6
650 :
703 : 5 : 6

In the House of Representatives Feb. 4, 1779.

The House by ballot made choice of Coll. Edward Grow as Naval Officer for the Port of York.

The House made choice by ballot of Capt. William Nichols as Naval Officer for the Port of Goldsborough.

The House made choice by ballot of Capt. Nicholas Crosby as Naval Officer for the Port of Penobscot.

The House by ballot, made choice of Mr. Thomas Child as Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r

In Council Feby 6th 1779.

Read and Concurred

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives Feby ye 5, 1779.

On the Petition of Nathaniel Bridge and others Representing to this Court that in the year one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy one, the General Court granted unto the Heirs or legal Representatives of David Phips Esq^rs & others, A Township in the Eastern parts of this State on certain Conditions set forth in said Petition, and that the Commencement of the present war made it impossible for them to Complete the said Conditions; and Praying that a further Time may be Allowed them.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that they be Allowed the further Term of seven years to Complete the Conditions which are Enjoined on them by a Resolve of the General Court.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r

In Council Feby 5, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy.

State of Mass. Bay

In the House of Representatives Feby 6, 1779.

Upon the Petition of John Murch praying for a confirmation of Lands therein mentioned

Resolved that the Petitioner serve the said Wyat Moore and the heirs of the said James Moore, deceased, with an attested Copy of his petition and this order thereon that they may appear if they see fit on the Second Wednesday of the first session of the next general Assembly of this State and shew Cause if any they have why the prayer of said Petitioner shall not be granted.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Feby 8, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy.

Pownalboro Feby 8th 1779

Sir/

I received your Letter of Decr 5th in which you write me that it has been reported to the Hono^{ble} Board that the Masts Under My care are in a loose neglected State I can assure the Honble Board that the report is fictious the masts Lay in a close raft froze up in the Dock at Ussatt in Kennebeck; the masts have received damage by laying in fresh water in the Sumer. Otherways they are in as Good Order as when I first took charge of them. I think that it will be necessary to remove the masts from where they now lay into Salt water early in the Spring (if the Hono^{ble} Board dont Otherways dispose of them) Salt water will prevent theire takeing any ferther damage if they are removed into it they are a Valuable interest at Least worth fifteen thousand pounds as masts

now Sell heare. I emagin that they Sink in Value one thousand pounds A Yeare where they now lay in fresh water.

If the Hono^ble^ Board Shoud want any Sort of Lumber Masts or spars for the Westenges or Uropean Markets I could procure it heare on as Good terms as Can be had in any part of the Eastward. You will Send me an answer respecting Your Masts.

I am with due Respect

Your most Humble Servt

Timothy Parsons.

Samuel Phip Savage Esqr

President of the Hono^ble^ Board of War.

To the Honble The General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Address & Petition of the Inhabitants of a place Called Narroguages Deeply Impressed with a Sense of the Calamities hitherto happen'd in the United States the unhappy & Deplorable Circumstances of many parts Occasioned by the Arbitrary & Despotic Designs of the British Ministry pursued by a Cruel & unnatural Prince & Venial Parliament which with the present pertrubation & Anxiety of mind of the Inhabitants of this Eastern Country on the Situation of these parts, wou'd with all humble submission Approach the Supreme Senate of this State, as to an Indulgent & Affectionate Parent Trusting & Relying that by their Candour, Humanity and Wisdom will attend to our Requisition

Unhappy for us we have not been able from time to time to choose in a Legal & Authoritative Capacity a Person in whose Fidelity we coud Depend to Lay our Grievances before you, tho' we acknowledge with a sense of Gratitude the many favors hitherto received from your hands

The present Exigencies of times this way, compells us to Trouble you, as our Situation must appear truly Deplorable,

shou'd we be necessitated with only our own Strength; to repell the storm we are threatned with from our Enemies.

Notwithstanding the Indigency of the Country we have hitherto Exerted ourselves to the utmost of our power & Ability being always ready & willing to attend every Summons, particularly when the safety of our Country Depended, & always hoped by our Conduct to give such satisfaction as to Merit the approbation of our Country but alas we are oblig'd to Declare our Poverty and that our Strength is Exhausted & a scene of Destruction appears before our Eyes, shoud our Enemy make another attempt our Dwellings which were always an Assilum for the Stranger & Distressed appears in another light, Familys Ragged and Naked & but a bear sufficiency of Food to preserve life & that procured with Indefatigueable pains & Difficulties, the Lumber Trade that we were formerly benefited by is now become as nothing & the Trifle which we Kept up was by the Excursions of the Enemys Cruisers the past Fall Intirely consumed & Destroyed so that Destruction & Devastation is too Glaring to our View letts turn which way we will

We have Still Hearts willing & Hands ready to uppose our Common Enemy to Defend the Interest, to support the Liberty & honour of our Country, but when we consider shou'd it only Depend upon ourselves our Spirits shrinks & we feel nothing but Anguish & Grief

The Subscribers Inhabitants of said Narroguages in the Easterly part of this State have met together and have (as agreed upon by a Number of other settlements) Maturely & Delibrately Examin'd into the situation of these Eastern Settlements & are but too well acquainted with their Difficulties, which are but too few to what might be mention'd.

Do now humbly request that your Honours woud take the Premisses under your wise Consideration and Grant us Support & Relief — That a sufficient Number of Arm'd Ves-

sels may be sent on the Coast for the Protection of our Trade. That a sufficient Body of Troops with Fortifications & Necessaries conformable may be sent to prevent the Ruin of so valuable a Country & that an hand of Pity & Compassion may Extend in Aiding & Assisting with some supplys those who by all Human Appearances will Inevitably suffer for want for a more particular Decission of our Affairs & Situation we Solicit that Col° Jn° Allan & Maj^r Stillman may be heard on our behalf and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray

John Small	William Nickels	Benj^a Walles
John Small J^r	Jesse Brown	Joseph Strout
Jabez Dornan	Jeremiah Strout	John Nickels
Elisha Small	Ebnezer Small	Daniel Small
Joseph Small	Ichabod Will	Samuel Coson
John Lawrence	James his X Mark Grace	Joseph Wallass J^r
Wm Rea	Nathaniel Knowles	Thomas Strout
Daniel Fiket	Thomas Armstrong	Joseph Wallis

To the Honble The General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Address & Petition of the Inhabitants of Chandler River. Deeply Impress'd with a sense of the Calamities hitherto happen'd in the United States, &c [same as foregoing]

We solicit that Col° John Allan may be heard on our behalf & your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever pray.

Joel Whitney	Lloyd Killpatrick	Jona Knight
Paul Knight	David Watts	Libbey
Samuel Watts Junr	Jonathan Barry	Josiah Weston
William Jugson	Benjamin Jugson	Jonathan Jugson
Jonathan Jugson J^r	John Fiske	Abnar Bacon
Samuel Watts	Samuel Driscol	Tomous lebbey
William Hicks	francis Comins	Andrew Hicks

To the Honble The General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Address & Petition of the Inhabitants of Union River

Deeply Impress'd with a sense of the calamities hitherto happen'd in united States, &c [same as foregoing]

For a more particular Decission of our affairs and Situation we solicit That Co^{ll} John Allan may be heard on our Behalf & your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Saml Jordan	George Haslam	James McFarland
Edward Berry	Nathaniel Smith	Sam'l Jordan J^{r}
Thomas McFarland	Thomas Milliken	James Clark
Rogers Googins	Martin Gilpatrick	Robert Gillpatrick
Allen Hopkins	John Murch	John Rae
James Rae	James Sayward	

To the Honble The Generell Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Address and Petition of the Inhabitants of the District of ——— Number four in the Easterly part of this State.

Deeply Impressed with a sense of the Calamity hitherto happen'd in the United States &c [same as foregoing]

Major George Stilman And your Petitioners in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Alex Campbell Jonathan Stevens the Major part of the Committee for No. 4.

Zerah Sprague	Josiah Tucker	Isaac Patten
Saml Kinsly	Jonathan Dow	Eben^{r} Downs
Joseph Bracy	Shubal Hinkley	Joh^{a} Bohanan
Reuben Gross	Jeah More	Ebenezer Smith
Nathl his X mark Darbo	Jeremiah Tracy	

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council Feby 10, 1779

Ordered that Benjamin Austin Esqr with such as the Honorable House shall join be a Committee to Examine the accounts of the Committee chosen on the part of the Board to Concur & pay of accounts agreeable to a Resolution of this Court passed the 30th of May Last and to Inquire into the Expenditure of the several sums of money ordered in to the hands of said Committee (since their Last Settlement) for the purpose aforesaid viz: the sum of £15,000 by a resolve of the 18th of September Last, and the further sum of £10,000 by a resolve of the 16th of October Last and make report.

Sent Down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives Feby 11, 1779

Read & Concurred & Mr. Whitney of Sherburne & Capt. Batcheldor are joined

John Pickering Spk^{r}

Rations due to Capt Nicholas Crosby & Company on the Expedition at Machias January 10, 1778.

			Rec'd	due
Capt.	Nicholas Crosby	from Octobr 7 to Jany 10:	282—71=	211
Lieu^{t}	Joseph Copeland	Dto 7 to Jany 9:	186—67=	119
Lieu^{t}	William Smith	Dto	188—49=	139
Ep^{n}	William Reed		190—62=	128
	Samuell Counce		92—67=	25
	Isaac Turner		92—54=	38
	John Waiscutt		93—51=	42
	Tarence McMahane		93—55=	38
	Nathan Chapman		94—62=	32
	Joseph Pobadey		92—67=	25

James Anerson	92—67= 25
William Deckey	92—67= 25
Thomas Hiscock	94—62= 32
Benj^{m} Weatheran	94—62= 32
Abenor Husey	94—62= 32
Benj^{m} Chapman	94—62= 32
Jonathan Rust	94—62= 32
Dimand Sargant	94—62= 32
William Grant	93—54= 39
Goodwine Grant	93—55= 38
Saml Crage	93—54= 39
John Crage	93—54= 39
Benj^{m} Avery	93—51= 42
Thomas Partaridge	93—54= 39
Ebenezer Crosby	93—53= 40
William Weaver	93—54= 39
John Moore	93—51= 42
John Day	94—62= 32

Penobscot February 11th 1779.

Captain Nicholas Crosby formerly in the Service stationed at & for the defence of Machias (the year 1777) & several in this Company when they Left said Machias had not received their full rations. The within Roll being duely Examined, find there is due to said Capt. Crosby & Compy, the amount affixed to their respective names.

J. Allan

Colo & Command^{g} officer of the Troops stationed at Machias

To the Honorable the Council & House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled.

The Memorial of Nicholas Crosby humbly sheweth; that he was appointed Capt. of a Company in Col^{o} Samuel

M^c^Cobb's regiment for an expedition to St. John's River last July; & that he raised his men at a great expence; your Memorialist therefore humbly prays your Honors would allow him the usual consideration for inlisting his men & the rations that are due as will appear by the Bill herewith exhibited.

Your Memorialist begs leave further to inform your Honors that on the failure of the aforesd expedition he was appointed to a captaincy in Col^o^ John Allan's Regiment at Machias and as there was not a sufficieny of provisions at Machias for our back rations which were become due before our arrival there said rations are still due: your Memorialist therefore prays your Honors would allow him s^d^ rations as pr bill herewith presented. And your Memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c. Nicholas Crosby

Boston April 20th 1778

To the Honorable the Council and house of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts bay In General Court assembled The petition of Robert Miller of Fryeburg in the County of York in s^d^ State Humbly Sheweth:—

That he lost an arm in the Service of this State at Louisburg in the year 1745 That he for near Twenty years Rec^d^ of the State a pension that for five years past hath not Rec^d^ any as he Trusts wholly for want of Application that he is unable to do any labour Therefore pray your Honours to Take his case into your wise consideration and make him such a grant for the five years past/Ending In Jany last/as you in your great wisdom shall Think proper Towards his Support in this advanced age of life and as in duty bound shall ever pray

Robert Miller

In Council Feby 17, 1779

Read & Sent down John Avery D. Secretary

Pownalboro' Feb. 18, 1779

Sir/

I heare inclose the deposition of Simeon Woodward respecting Abiel Wood of this place which I received the 16 inst. by Maj^{r} Stillman of Machias, by the Contents thereof and the following Circumstances I think that said Abiel Wood was Knowing to the Enemies Coming heare after Your Ship Gruel and that he Gave the Enemy information Respecting her. In April 1777 I Brought a raft of mast from Kenebeck to this place for Your Ship Gruels Cargo. After the Masts were brought heare Young Tinkham (a Brother-in-law of said Woods who liv^{d} with them) Left this place and went to Nova Scotia and there made Oath that he Saw the Masts brought heare and that the Ship was Expected in to Load when he left this place Upon Which the Enemies Ship Milford was Sent heare After her and Came into this harbor in June with her hamocks Stoed in her Netings but shode no Collers. Mr. Abiel Wood After Viewing her threw A Spy Glass the Ship being not half a mile of and being told that She was an Enemies Ship Yet he went on board and there remained till the Ship Saild from this. In Augst following the Enemies Ship Rainbo Sir George Collier Commander Came into the mouth of this River or rather Townsend after Your Ship Gruel as I then Surpos^{d} Which Must be the time Wood was on board her as Menchand in Mr Woodward deposition. After the Rainbo Sail^{d} from Townsend I Observ^{d} that the Chanel of the River was perch^{d} Out Up to Your Ship Gruel where she lay three miles Above this point. I then Surposd Some person who was imploy^{d} by the Enemy had don it and thought it prudent to remove Your Ship two miles higher Up which I did. Mr Wood went for Boston the Last of Augt and on his Return home About the Eighteenth of September Saw Mr. Woodward at Greenland and Gave him the information as in his deposition, Mr. Wood

has declared that his brother Joseph Tinkham (who lives at Liverpole in Nova Scotia) has bote all the large masts that was Got out in Kenebeck River for Mr Edward Parry (the Mast Contractor) of Said Parry and Should Said masts be taken by the Enemy Mr Tinkham would clame an Reward them. It is believed heare that Said Wood is in partner Ships with said Tinkham, there is papers Log^{d} in the Sec^{y} Office Against Said Wood that proves neare the Same thing.

Sir I think from Wood's Conduct from the beginning of this War with England (the Surcomstances of Young Tinkham Going to Nova Scotia to Give information respecting Your Ship Coming heare to loade, Mr. Wood Going on Board the Enemies Ship Milford in June 1777 his Going on Board the Enemys Ship Rainbo in Augst following When she was twenty miles from his house his being Knowing to her Coming in Againe, the channel being perch^{d} Out his plan to Get Mr Woodward on Board the Rainbo and his declaring that tinkham has bot all the Contract Masts of Mr Parry are Surficient Surcomstances to make it appeare that Said Wood Was Conserned in Giving the Enemy information respecting your Ship Gruel. At least his Going twenty miles from home by water to Get on Board the Enemies Ship Rainbo and there Getting Acquainted with the Capt of her proves his Corrosponding with the Enemies of this State and I think Mr. Wood would not have Gone So far to See Sir George Collier had not he had som intelligence to Give Sir George that would be of advantage to the Enemy and thereby Make him Self Welcom as he had Never Seen Sir George before, Sir, as Mr Wood is Under Bonds to this State not to Correspond with the Enemies of this State and as the Enemies Coming heare After Your Ship Gruel has been attended with great Expense to this State Are the reasons why I look on it as My duty to troble the Hono^{ble} Board with information hopeing that said Wood May thereby be brought to justice.

Coll^{n} Allan and Maj^{r} Stillman of Machias informes me that Mr Woodward is Conductor of the forts there and a man of truth they are both in Boston. Sir I can prove by a gentleman of Carrector Mr. Wood declaring that his brother tinkham had Bought all the Contract Masts of Mr. Parry and if Mr. Wood is in partner Ship with Tinkham it would be so much for his intrest to have the masts taken by the Enemy that I should be Afraid that his a leagance to this State would not be a Surficient bar to prevent his Giving the Enemy information respecting Your Masts should a favorable Opportunity present if You Should See the papers that was Lodg^{d} in the Secretaries Office Respecting Wood's Corrosponding with Tinkham You would be better Abbel to judge of the matter. Sir I wrote to You the Eight of this inst., respecting Your Masts in Kenebeck which I trust You have Rec'd.

I am Sir with due respect
Your Most Obedient Humble Servt
Timothy Parsons.

P.S. I believe Mr Wood has papers by him that would make the Above Surcomstances Appear Plane Against him Could they be had. if anything Should be done with Wood Coll^{n} Samuel McCobb would be a good man to Execute any Orders Respecting him. I feare the Sheariff Considering former Connections with Wood would rather favour him. T. P.

Samuel Phips Savage Esqr
Presedent of the Hono^{ble} Board of War.

State of Massachusetts Bay
In The House of Representatives Feb. 22, 1779

On The Petition of Stephen Gowen & William Gowen of Sanford in the County of York, praying that Samuel Nasson,

Joanna Nasson & Nicholas Sewall, Administrators of the Estate of Brigadier Jotham Moulton may be impowered to make & execute a deed of fifty Acres of land in said Sanford to them for the Reasons Set forth in their petition.

Resolved that Samuel Nasson, Joanna Nasson, & Nicolas Sewall of York, in the County of York, as Administrators of the Estate of Brigadier Jotham Moulton late of said York Deceased, be & they are hereby Authorized to make & execute a deed of Acquitance or Release, to Stephen Gowen & William Gowen of Sanford in the said County of York, of fifty Acres of land in Sanford aforesaid, which fifty Acres of Land lays in the North Westerly Corner of the Lot called the Iron works lot, & is to be bounded as the same was run off before the decease of the said Moulton, they the said Stephen Gowen & William Gowen making good their bargain to the said Administrators with respect to the paying for said land, according to their original Agreement with said Moulton as Set forth in their petition.

Sent up for concurrence

John Pickering Spkr

In Council Feby 22, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Feb. 26, 1779

on the Petition of Mary Wallingford of Somersworth in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire Sole Executrix of the last will & Testament of her late Dec^{d} Husband, Ebenezer Wallingford of Somersworth Aforesaid Gentleman Representing & proving the same by a certificate from the Register of the Court of Probate for the said County of Strafford that the said Testator's Personal Estate is insufficient to pay the debts, Therefore Praying that She may have

the benefit of the Laws of this State, with respect to the Sale of Lands for the payment of debts, as fully & amply as if the Testator had dwelt in this State at the time of his decease, as he owned at that time a large Quantity of land in the County of York in this State.

Resolved that the Justices of the Superiour Court of Judicature or the Justices of the inferior Court of common pleas for the County of York be & they are hereby Authorized & impowered to grant licence & authority to the said Mary Wallingford, to sell lands in the county of York in this state, for the payment of the Testator's debts, in as full & ample a manner as they might have done by the Statutes made in the years of our Lord 1696 & 1770, as if the said Ebenezer Wallingford had dwelt in any Town in this State at the time of his decease, She conforming to the directions of the Laws of this State which respect the sale of Lands under license of the Superior Court.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

To the Honourable the great & General Court of the state of the Massachusetts Bay now setting at Boston.

The memorial of James Sullivan in behalf of himself and a great Number of persons Inhabitants of the County of York Humbly shews

That he has lately seen a Petition which has been preferred to your Honours, by a number of Persons Inhabitants of the same county, praying that your Honours would grant them, for the reasons therein mentioned, a Tract of Land nine miles square on the south side of Saco and great Ossipee Rivers, or in some other place of equal extent, adjacent, or near the same Land.

not to mention the Petitioners partiallity to themselves in praying that Lands may be granted to them, in exclusion of

their Brethren there, in the same predicament — and the many false & cruel Slanders privately Committed not only against the Title but the character of your Memorialist in this respect he begs leave to inform you, that in the year one thousand six hundred and sixty four one Francis Small purchased of Sunday an Indian Sachem a Tract of Land, bounded by Saco River upon the East side, Piscatawa River on the West side, great Ossipee River on the north side, and Little Ossipee River on the south side, which Tract in the Deed is called Twenty miles square but on surveys is found to contain not more than about one quarter part of that quantity, that the said Small there built an House and fort there Inhabiting and Trading with the Indians till driven off by the wars, previous to which he sold one-half of the said purchase to Major Nicholas Shapleigh, and in the year A. D. 1711 conveyed the Residue by Deed to his son Samuel Small of Kittery whose heirs have been ever since Lawfully seized and possessed of these same Lands, together with the heirs of the said Shapleigh and have on two Trials had verdicts in their favor and never one against them, as may appear from the public Records kept in the same building where your Honours Set, these Verdicts as may be proved from the Testimony of men of the first Character now here in Town were obtained on the most serious disputation.

that purchases from Indians have been allowable in this Government appears from many of the standing Laws as well as from those public Records which prove that every considerable part of the Lands in this State were originally purchased of that People.

There being now on the Land above described more than one hundred Inhabitants (of the heirs and assigns of the said Small & Shapleigh) many Persons having no doubt of the authenticy of the said Title have purchased therein for a valuable Consideration, and made great improvements on the

same and have within a few Days past sent your memorialist a Petition to present to your Honours to Cause them to be Incorporated and which the important business now pending induced him to defer till the next session.

All the facts before mentioned your Memorialist shall, as he regards his character, hold himself oblig'd to prove, when and where your Honours shall order; and though he holds that part of the constitution which provides, that no man shall be destroyed imprisoned or disseized of his freehold without Lawful Trial by a Jury to be the Dearest right under Community and though the Government may suppose themselves Interested against him, yet he will cheerfully submit the decision of his Title to you, and has no doubt but that the other persons Interested with him will do the same, and takes this opportunity to express his wishes that Government would in mercy to the Eastern part of the State take measures for the settlement of interfering Titles there.

however good the right of the Government may be to the Lands petitioned for, your memorialist humbly hopes that your honours will not without due notice given, ruin a great number of families by granting the Land under their feet subdued by their painful Labours, and the houses over their heads raised by honest industry to shelter them from the weather, thereby giving them the expense of Trying whether Government can grant Lands not in their own possession a practice which the Law most Solemnly forbids in Individuals.

It is true that there are a considerable number of signers to the petition aforementioned and as true that there may be obtained as great a number to the most Airy and fantastical scheme, when a thirst for popularity or gain shall set it on foot.

Upon this State of the matter your memorialist conceives that your Honours giving Countenance to the report in the next session when he shall be absent on the Western Circuit

to rob him of his Interest which indeed is the plan openly avowed before the House — and to be an engine in the hands of wicked men to encourage Trespasses, and promote Law Suits — wherefore your Memorialist most humbly prays that the same petition may be dismissed or that this memorial may be laid on the files not only with the same Petition but annexed thereunto that no undue advantage may be Again taken of him in his absence and he will ever pray

Boston February 27th 1779

Ja Sullivan

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives Feb'y 20, 1779 Upon the Petition of Joseph Noyes in Behalfe of John Starbourd, Josiah Noyes & Isaac Ilsey

Whereas it appears by a Receipt sign'd Wm Tyng Sheriff, dated 27th July 1774, that he then Rec'd of John Starbourd the sum of fifteen pounds & by an Affidavit of Peter Babb that he saw sometime in the Winter 1774, John Starbourd pay to the said Wm Tyng about forty pounds & the said Tyng give a Receipt for the sum upon the back of the Execution, neither of wch sums appears to have been enter'd upon the books of the late Treasurer Gray.

And Whereas by a Receipt signed Wm Tyng, Sheriff, dated March the 7th 1774, it appears that Isaac Ilsley paid the said Tyng Ninety-one pounds 11/10 in full for his share of the Taxes And Whereas there appears a deed of 80 Acres of Land dated 11th Septemb 1773, to the said Wm Tyng for the sum of One Hundred & Sixty pounds wch was in part of said Noyes proportion of Taxes & Joseph Noyes is ready to take oath that the sum of fifty four pounds 7/ the Balc was

paid the said Tyng in full for the share of the Taxes Josiah Noyes had to Collect Therefore Resolved

That the Treasurer be & he hereby is Directed to discharge the said Isaac Ilsley & charge the sum of 91. 11. 10 (wch was paid by him to Wm Tyng Esqr) together with the charge of execution to the Estate of Harrison Gray Esq., State Treasurer, and also to discharge the said John Starbourd to the amount of fifty-five pounds the two sums paid by him to Wm Tyng Esq., & that they be charged to the Estate of Harrison Gray Esq., State Treasurer.

Also discharge Josiah Noyes for the sum of Two hundred & fourteen pounds 7/ & charge to the Estate of Harrison Gray Esq., State Treasurer the sum of fifty four pounds 7/ & the charges of the Execution against the said Josiah Noyes — and it is Further Resolved that the Eighty Acres of Land, sold by Josiah Noyes to Wm Tyng Esq., Sherif, for the Bal^c^ of £160, due from the said Noyes to this State as p^r^ Deed dated the 11th Sept. 1773, & Recorded in 8th Book of the Records for the County of Cumberland Folio 197, — be and it hereby is considered as belonging to this State, and as such be sold to the highest Bidder upon [the same] and the money arrising be immediately after the sale paid into the Treasury of this State.

The Committee of both Houses appointed to Examine the Accounts of the Committee chosen the 3d May last to concur & pay Acct^s^ have attended that Service & beg leave to report — Viz^t^

Your Comm^tee^ find upon the last Settlement of the said Committees acct^s^ the 15th Oct^b^ last there was a Ballance due from them of one pound, seventeen shillings & Six pence three farthings since which the said Committee have received

by a Warr^{t} from the Council agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 18th Sept. last fifteen thousand pounds and by another resolve of the 16 Octr last Ten thousand pounds in the whole Twenty five thousand pounds. And your Committee find by Vouchers produced & allowed by the Committee of the House & concurred & paid by the Committee of the Board the Sum of Twenty-five thousand & twelve pounds Eight Shillings & five pence paid as aforesaid which after deducting the aforesaid Ballance of £1 : 17 : 6¾ due from the Com^{tee} on the last settlement leaves a Ballance of Ten pounds ten shillings & ten pence one farthing due to the said Committee, and your Committee farther report as their opinion that the Committee for paying Acc^{t}s have accounted for the above Sum of Twenty five thousand pounds rec'd of the Treasurer of the State the 18th Septem^{b} & 16th Oct. last & ought to be discharged of said sum, and your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolve which is submitted

Benj Austin ꝑ order

Resolved that the Committee of Council chosen to receive examine & pay Acct^{s} for services done in consequence of a Resolve of the General Court the 30th May 1778 Viz^{t} Jabez Fisher, Benjamin White & Daniel Davis Esqr be & they are hereby discharged of the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds which they received by warrants on the Treasurer of this State on the 18th Sept. & 16 Oct. last as aforesaid.

In council Feby 27. 1779.
Read & Accepted.
Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives Feby 27, 1779.
Read & Concurred

John Pickering Spk^{r}

The Committee appointed by the Great & General Court at their Session in Boston in Feby 1774 (upon the petition of Noah Johnson & Associates in said petition mention^{d}) to Inquire into the Sufferings and make out & return a list of the Suffering, having Notify'd Met & fully heard, said Sufferers as Directed by said Courts, Report the following List and their Sufferings as to their names Annexed (Viz^{t})

Capt Joseph Baker ⅞ of a Wright & on the Right of Farwell ⅛; John & Nehemiah Lovewell ⅛ D°; Joseph Brown of Suncook 1 Wright; David Abbott of Andover ½; John McNeal his heirs 1; John Whittemore's Heirs & Thos. Richardson 1; Henry Lovejoy his sons David & Caleb 1½; Thomas Russ ¼; Saml Galt ¾; Bravarter Gray ⅝ Abner Gordon ⅜1 =; Jonathan Frye's Heirs 1; Andrew Galt 1; William Hox 1; Samuel Abbott 1; Moses Tyler 1½; Richard Eastman 2; Jonathan Pollard 1; Danforth Keyes 1; Ephriam Blunt 1; Philemon Chandler ½; Josiah Johnson ¼; David Abbott 1; Andrew Brenton 1¼; Stephen Ames ½; Thomas Harrod ½; Patrick Galt 1; Samuel Mooar ½; Job Abbot's Heirs 1; Noah Johnson 3; Asa Foster 2½; Jonathan Merrill ¼; John Chamberlain ¾; Benjn Holt 3; John Nox 1½; Benjn Ballard ½; James Cunningham ½; Robert Mooar 1; Francis Doyne 1; James M^{c}hard ¼; Sam^{ll} McConnil ¾ Beside 4 Dollars to be paid him by Capt Joseph Baker; John White ½; Aaron Whittemore 1½; Joseph Hall, David & John Evers & Benj^{a} Thompson Esqr ¾; John Man ½; David Chandler 2; James Burbean's Heirs 2; Ambros Gould ½; Isaac Sterns 1; Benjn Johnson 1; Josiah Turtle ½; Daniel Wood ¾; Isaac Lakin 1; Ebsery Barron ⅝; Nathan Adams 2; Jacob Fulleson ¼; Stephen Holt 1; Joshua Coffin Esqr 1; Jonathan Ayer 1; Wm Nathan Holt 1; Wm John Barnards Heirs 1; Saml Phillips Joseph Gerrish Jonathan Webster.

To the Honble the Council and Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court Assembled April 1779.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation called Cambden and of other adjacent Towns Humbly shew

That your petitioners are greatly distressed by the Enemies Ships who are frequently hovering in and about their Harbours, and often taking Vessels within Sight of the Shore, Several of their Vessels were lately taken by two Sloops of War, one a Schooner loaded with lime bound for Boston, And your petitioners and their Settlements will be entirely ruined unless some measures are taken for their protection.

They therefore humbly pray your Honors would be pleased to take their distressed case into your serious and Compassionate Consideration, and relieve them in such a way and manner as to your Honors may seem meet.

And as in duty bound shall pray

James Minot	Elisha Snow of Thomaston	
Abraham Ogier	Israel Jordan	Robert Thorndike
John Mathers	John Groves	David Crouch
John Ballard J^{r}	Saml Brown	Abraham Jones
Haunce Robinson	Meduncook Plantation	James Jones
Joseph Robinson	Cornelius Bradford	John Gordon
Alexander Hathhorn	William Smith	William Simonton
George Young	Alexander Jameson	James Simonton
William Young	Ebenezer Jameson	Paul Thorndike
John Robinson	Samuel Davis	William Gregory
Ja. Br——	John Davis	Barak Bucklin
Joshua Bradford	Thomas Mace	Isaac Washburn
Thos Mace	Thos Spring	J. Toleman
Isrel Lowet		

Meduncook Plantation

Sighners — Daniel Howard, John Hathorn.

Referred to the General Court Mch 17, 1779.

To the Honble Council And the Honble house of Representatives of the Massachusetts State — in Genl Court Assembled

The Petition of Richard Lombard of Gorham Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner (Haveing the Command of a Company in s^{d} Gorham at the time Falmouth was Burnt by the Enemy) Rec^{d} orders directly from Col^{o} Peter Noyes (then Major) To repair forthwith to s^{d} Falmouth with half his company Equipt with arms, Ammunition, Provisions & Entrenching Tools in order to assist in fortifying the Town, which orders your Petitioner immediately complied with as far as was in his power, And marcht the men there whose names are on the roll herewith Exhibited. And there Labour'd the number of days set down in said Roll. And as neither your Petitionor nor either of the men who was under him have ever yet received any pay for the same, He therefore prays your Honors would allow (at least) so much as the footing of the Roll herewith Exhibited which sum your honors must be sencible is very low wages as money now goes. Your petitioner also prays your Honors would order pay for an Iron Shovel that was Stolen from one of his men while att Falmouth on the works, if your Honors should see fit to Grant the money above requested your petitioner prays it may be orderd into the hands of Col^{o} Edmund Phinney. And your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever Pray.

Gorham March 26th 1779. Richard Lombard

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives for said State

March 27th 1779.

The Petition of Thomas Dinsmore of Pownalborough in the County of Lincoln, Husbandman, humbly Sheweth:—

That in the year 1765, at the Request of Doctor Silvester Gardiner of Boston, he removed with his Family from the Western Part of this State to settle upon two hundred acres of Land, belonging to the said Doctor Gardiner, lying upon Swan-Island in Kennebeck River, and within the said Town of Pownalborough. That your Petitioner though a stranger to the Doctor, without Deed or Lease, or any security, other than his bare word & promise (which he did not always perform) settled upon said two hundred acres which was then a Wilderness, except about three acres, which had before been partly clear'd, and upon which stood the remains of an Old house, without Doors, Floors or chimneys, which your Petitioner chiefly at his own Expence repair'd, and in which he lived five or six years. That in the year 1770 the Doctor proposed to your Petitioner to take a Lease of the said two hundred Acres of Land for eight years, promising your Petitioner to build an house thereupon at his own Expence, and as a further Encouragement to your Petitioner to take a Lease, to give him two hundred acres of Land upon the River, and that after the Expiration of the Lease, he might continue upon the premises, as long as he pleased. That your Petitioner knowing that unless he comply'd with the Doctor's Proposal of taking a Lease he should be compelled to leave the premises, without any Reward for what he had done upon the Land for five years before, and having some Expectation That the Doctor would perform what he had promised was induced to take a Lease, which was executed on the twenty fifth day of March 1770, for the Term of eight years. That your Petitioner did not read the Lease himself before it was executed, but trusted to Mr Willm Gardiner, a Son of the Doctor, to read it to him, which he read, not as was written, and thereby your Petitioner was deceived and imposed upon, and was prohibited from cutting any Pine or Oak trees upon the Premises, and was oblidged to be at

the Trouble and Expence of hauling all the Timber, Boards Stones and other Materials, for any Buildings that the Doctor might erect upon the premises, which your Petitioner never agreed to, or heard of, till he had executed the Lease, and at the same Time the Doctor was not, on his Part, bound or oblidged to do or perform any one Thing (save the finding a little hay seed) towards clearing his own Land, or to assist your Petitioner, notwithstanding his repeated promises. That besides the clearing, improving & fencing the Land, the Expence he has been at in hauling Boards, Timber & other Materials for an house & barn, and in hauling Rocks & digging and stoning the cellar, will fall but little short of the Expences the Doctor has been at in erecting those Buildings. The house being not half finished outside or in your Petitioner has also at his own Expence dug & stoned a Well, erected a small store house upon the Premises, and made an addition to the Barn.

Thus has your Petitioner been employed for fourteen years past in clearing & subduing this Farm, at great Expence and with great Labour and Pains; and having a large Family, and nothing to depend upon for their Support but the Produce of the Land, he was exposed to and Suffered many Hardships, for all which he expected upon the Promise of the Doctor to have had some Recompense, at least two hundred Acres of Land upon Kennebeck River, besides continuing upon said Farm for several years after the Expiration of the Lease. But now your Petitioner apprehends that he is in Danger of being turned off the Premises & of wholly loosing all he has done upon said Land for fourteen years past, without any prospect of ever receiving any Recompence, as he had just Reasons to expect, which will be very hard and Injurous to your Petitioner. Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Honors to take his case into your wise Consideration and to Grant him Relief, by permitting

him to purchase the said Farm, together also with one half of a small Island lying near thereto containing about thirty-seven acres in the whole, called Little Swan Island, which was also leased to your Petitioner, and which has been cleared by him, which he is willing to do at such a Rate as shall be determin'd upon (after taking into Consideration the several Circumstances mentioned in this Petition) by any Number of Judicious, disinterested Men whom your Honors may appoint in this Neighborhood, and till then, that your Honors would permit him to continue on the premises in Manner as he has heretofore done, without being held to pay any Rent, which your Honors cannot think under these Circumstances he ought to pay, or that he may be relieved in any other way, as to your Honors shall seem most expedient.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound &c

Thomas Dinsmore

Penobscot March 28th 1779.

Sir

The Distressing Situation of the Inhabitants of this River, is the Occasion of my Troubling your Honour with this Letter

The major part of the Inhabitants are almost Destitute of the Common Supports of nature and some famillies are intirely Destitute and in a Starving Condition & will Ineviet-ably Starve unless they have some speedy Relief The River is Blocked up by British Cruizers not a vessell within six weeks past has got in from the westward and all Recourse cut of Two Vessells Loaded with Provisions and Necessarys (to a great Value) which was coming here for their Relief & the Support of the Indians has been taken within this Ten Days

The Indians are in a very bad Situation for want of the Common necessarys of Life and unless they can be supply'd

by us they will unavoidably go to our Enemy which will be of bad Consequence to us as Inhabitants and to ye United States in General to loose their Alliance, which I Apprehend will be the Case unless some method is taken to Cleare the Coast of those Cruizers Am much afraid that the whole of the Eastern Country will fall into their hands this summer unless some Speedy method is taken to prevent it They Threaten to force a Trade with us this Summer for Lumber to Carry to Halifax to Build & Repair their Fortresses

Your Honour may be sensible that the Lumber Trade in this Eastern Country is very Large & If that Trade is cut of by the Enemy the loss of it to the State will be great.

I hope your Honours will Consider us and Direct us in a method to gain some Relief in this our helpless Condition.

If nothing is done to Clear this Coast that vessells may come from the westward to Trade with us and bring us Supplys as usual I am affraid that Famine and Slavery to the British nation will be the Consequence with the Inhabitants of this Eastern Country.

I am Sir With the Greatest Respect

Your Honours most Obedient Humble Servants

Jon^a Lowder,

Lt Col^o To Penobscott Reg^t of Militia & Truckmaster to the Tribe of Penobscot Indians

To the Honble The President of ye Council State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council April 23rd 1779.

Read & Sent down John Avery D. Secy.

War Office 30 March 1779.

M^r. Tim^o Parsons

It being represented to the Board that the masts under your care now Lying in Kennebeck River are in too exposed

a situation, and that the Water in which they Lay is for the greater part of the year, so fresh as to be detrimental to the timber, to obviate this inconvenience we are to request you would cause the Said Masts & Spars to be removed to a place of more safety & convenience. The charges arising the Board will repay and make you a reasonable allowance for your trouble.

We are Sir with Respect your humble Serv^{ts}

By order of ye Board

(Signed) Saml Phips Savage.

D^{r} the State of Massachusetts Bay to Committee of Biddeford

Mar. 30. To advertising, expences, dinner and other charges	£37 : 5 : 4
May 29 To Mr. Nicholas Smith's Journey to York to search the records &c &c	
C^{r} By 6 acres of Land & ⅔ of a Barn, leased to Mr Thomas Donnell	60 :
By ⅔ of a dwelling house leased to Selectmen of Biddeford	7 :
By 10 acres of Land leased to Mr Jerem^{h} Emery	1 : 16
	£68 : 16
	37 : 5 : 4
By order of the Committee Nicholas Smith	31 : 10 : 8

York SS. Octr 15th 1779. The above account being presented to probate Court, and being sworn to, and found to be well vouched and right cast, the same is allowed, and find balance due to be thirty one Pound ten Shillings and eight pence.

Joseph Simpson, Judge of Probate.

Copied from the original by Daniel Sewall, Reg^{r}.

Jonathan Bryant of Lawfull age Testifieth & saith that for the year 1756 he came to Swan Island and work^{d} on s^{d} Island at times for severall years & was well acquainted with the Circumstances of the whole at Swan Island and in the year 1765 Mr Thos Dinsmore Settled on about two hundred acres belonging to Doctor Silvester Gardiner and that when he went on Thir was not more than Three accres clear^{d} and that only partly clear^{d} and a small house without flores, doors or chimne, and that what Improvement has been maid Sence has been Don by Mr. Dinsmore Excepting the Doctor built a house & Barn In part & not yet finish^{d} and that the store house well and addition to the Barn was all Don by Mr Dinsmore within two years past

Pownalborough March 30th 1779

Jon^{a} Bryant

Lincoln SS. April 1, 1779. Then the said Jonathan Bryant made oath to the Truth of the aforewritten Deposition by him Subscribed.

Before me

Jon. Bowman Just. Peace.

Thomas Dinsmore Ju^{r} and Asa Dinsmore Both of Lawfull age Testifieth and saith that in the year 1765 our father Thomas Dinsmore Removed with his family from the westerd & settled on a lot of Doctor Gardner on Swan Island which was then wholly an unimproved thicket except nere about Three acres across partly cleared and part of a small house on it without a flore doar or chimney which our father put into Repare on his one Expense excep finding Boards and Bricks and mason and all the Improvment maid on said farm for fourteen years past from this Date 1779 our father has Don at his own Labre and expence finding his own tools & utensils and when the Doctor built an other house & Barn

that our father halled all the timber Boards, Stone, Brick and all materials for the Buildings & Dug the Sellar all which Labor never was paid for & I Thomas Dinsmore heard the Doctor say that evry sons should all have one hundred acres each for Incuragement for said he I've Land enough and we know that all the addition as to the Barn Store house and wells we did on our own coast all so heard the Doctor say that our Father Should never be put off from the Farm his Lifetime or his chilldren after him.

Thomas Dinsmore Asa Dinsmore

Lincoln SS. April 1, 1779. Then the said Thomas Dinsmore & Asa Dinsmore made oath to the truth of the aforewritten Deposition by them subscribed.

Before me,

Jon[a] Bowman, Just. Peace.

State Massachusetts Bay

To the honorable the council of said State.

The Petition of Barbara Ross wife of Thomas Ross late of Falmouth in the county of Cumberland, and Esther Martin wife of John Martin late of said Falmouth humbly shews

That their said Husbands now Resident at New York are of the number of those lately prohibited by law from returning to this State: That their said Husbands have signified their desire that they would come to them with their children, and that they are desirous of going to their said Husbands if leave can be obtained for that purpose.

Wherefore they humbly pray your honors that they may be permitted to procure a vessell and hands at Falmouth or elsewhere to be under the direction & inspection of such person or persons as your honors shall think proper to appoint, and to proceed in said vessell with a flagg with their children wearing apparel Bedding linnen Household furniture to

said New York and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Barbaree Ross
Estear Martin.

To the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

That your Petitioner Elizabeth Lines Late husband, Dennis Lines inlisted into the Continantal army in 1776: and was Killed, in the Battle, when New York was taken, and your Petitioner Left in a most Deplorable Condition & with Ten childrean, seven at home with me, two of which since hath inlisted, into the Continantal Sarvice, and as soon as they ware about 16 or 17 years of age and they Continaue there now if alive Viz^th Joseph & Daniel Lines, & I have two sons younger, one about 7 years old, & the rest daughters three of which is young, three is Gon into familys for a living, the rest with me & I have had no help since my husban Listed, and I am in the utmost Distress for every comfort of Life, both for Vettels, and cloaths, and as my Late husban the Stay and Support, of my family, being Killed in the Defence of his Country & two sons now in the Sarvice & I & my childreen now at home a perishing for want of Vettels, and cloaths, is very hard, and there is no bread, meat, nor cloaths to be got here, for me, on any account, Whatever that I can hearof, or Get, and many hundreds are now almost Starved, and without some Speedy helpe & Releaf, my Childreen & I must Die — we are so weak now can hardly Goe about I have Applied to two of the Selectmen but can have no help there they say they have not Gott it Neither can they Geet any, it is not to be had &c. Therefore I most humbly pray and intreet your Honours to take my Deplorable and Distressed Curcomstances into your wise Consideration and Releave me and my family as your Hon-

ours in your Great Wisdom shall think proper and as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray.

Elizabeth Lines.

Pownalborough West Precinct, Ap^{l} 3rd 1779.

Falm^{o} April 5, 1779.

Sir

Your favour of the 26th ult^{o} came safe to hand by the post, and I am now on the behalf of Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Martin to thank you for the trouble you have taken, and the kind assurance you give that you will take further particular care of the affair. You will also please to give my compliments to the president of the council & thank him for laying the petition before them. I now agreeable to your directions send you the names of the petitioners children viz: Mrs. Barbara Ross's wife of Thomas Ross Margaret Ross, 15 years old Barbara Ross 13 Thomas Ross 10 Elizabeth Tyng Ross 8 John Ross 7 William Ross 12 Joanna Jordan her maid Mrs Esther Martin's wife of John Martin John Martin a^{bt} 10 years Enoch Martin 6 William Martin 4 Mary Martin 2.

They have wrote by this opportunity to Capt. Joseph Noyes, to procure his Schooner the Dolphin burthened about 28 Tons, & I have also desired him to let you know if he has consented to let her go & if so to have her Name inserted in the order or permit of the council. The hands to go are Arthur M^{c}lellan Master, William Gooding, Zechariah Baker and Benjamin Swan.

I have already engaged Mr Waldo Marsh at Cape issick to Mr Stephen Riggs, but it is very probable you may have part of it from him, as I think you had last year.

I am Sir with due respect your most obedient Hum^{ble} Servant. Theop. Bradbury

Hon. Jed. Preble Esq.

The petitioners would be very glad the permit or order of council might be sent in Capt. Noyes' Schooner above mentioned by which this goes

Extract of Letter from Jer. Powell.

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber April 7th 1779

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

It appears from the Petition of the Inhabitants of a Plantation Called Cambden as also from Colº Allans State of Affairs on the Eastern Shores of this State that the Inhabitants there are greatly distressed by the Enemies Armed Vessells frequently hovering in & about their Harbours, making Depredations a Shore & taking their Vessels within their sight. We recommend to your Consideration the adopting some measures to afford them some speedy & effectual support & Protection and we would submit it to your Consideration whether instead of employing the armed Vessells belonging to this State in long cruises after prizes, it would not have been vastly more for the Advantage & profit of this state to have had them improved in cruising upon this Coast for the Protection of the Trade & the Defence of our Harbours upon the Sea Coasts which have been left in such an unguarded & defenceless situation that where we have taken one Vessell from the Enemy their small Privateers out of New York have taken Ten from us, in short they have of late, from our unguarded situation been Emboldened freely to cruise about in our Bay & have taken a number of our Vessels just as they were entering into, or going out of our Ports. This is become a matter of a Very serious nature & demands your closest attention more especially at this Time, for as the Enemy's army is considerably diminished & they are not in force to meet us in the field it is highly probable

they will exert every nerve to distress us by making depredations upon our Trade and upon our Sea Coasts.

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled at Boston April the 7th 1779.

The Petition of Timothy Walker Jr on behalf of himself and associates humbly sheweth

That in February 1774 your Petitioners obtained of the General Court of this then Province, a Grant of a Township of the contents of seven miles square on Amoscoggin River by way of compensation for the Trouble and Expence that they and their Ancesters had been at in endeavouring to defend and finally repurchasing a Township formerly purchased by them of this then Province at a Place called Pennicook on Merrimack River, on certain Conditions some of which were the following vizt That your Petitioners returned into the Secretary's office here a Plan of the granted Premises by a Surveyor and chainmen under Oath within a year from the Grant as also a List of the Sufferers who were to be benefited thereby, certified by a Committee appointed by the said Court to enquire into and asertain the same, which conditions your Petitioners punctually complied with within the limited Term, but by the great confusion which this metropolis was very soon after thrown into, the said Papers were lost, and the Surveyor who drew and returned the Plan is dead, whereupon your Petitioners have been at the expence of procuring a new Plan of the Premises which together with the List of Grantees, certified by the major part of the Committee (who still Survive) your Petitioners pray you will please to accept instead of that formerly returned but lost. And whereas the Term allowed for settlement will expire next February and the efforts of your

Grantees have been so intirely taken up in the general defence of the Country during the present distressing War as to render them uncapable of making the least advance towards compleating the same, they therefore pray that the said Period may be extended to such future Day as your Honours shall please to appoint, and also that you would appoint some suitable Person to warn a Meeting of said Grantees at such place and in such manner as you may judge legal, in order to adjust accounts of past expenses and transact any other matter or thing necessary to forward the Settlement of the said Township, and also to order where and how future Meetings, of the said Grantees, shall be warned, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

Timothy Walker Junr

The Subscriber one of grantees interested in ye above Petition begs leave to Inform ye Honorable Court that more than three quarters of ye grantees live at Concord N. Hampshire near one Hundred miles distant from ye land granted & mostly through woods & near forty miles from ye nearest town in this State so that it would save a great expense of time & trouble in traveling if the Court should think it expedient to Impower ye grantees to hold their meetings at Concord until a sutable number of Inhabitants are settled upon ye land to render it convenient to hold these meetings upon the spot, which point he submits to your Honours better judgment.

Your obedient Humble Servt

Tim^{o} Walker

Coll. Baldwin Maj. Hesmer Coll. Hutchinson

Ap^{l} 9, 1779.

The Committee appointed by the Great & General Court at their Session in Boston February 1774 (upon the Petition

of Timothy Walker Junr and Associates) to inquire into the Sufferings and make out & return a List of such Sufferers, having Notified met & fully heard said Sufferers, as directed by said Court, Report the following List of Names to whom Rights are to be assigned vizt

Timothy Walker Junr	of	Concord, N. H.	Three	Rights
George Abbott	of	Do	Two	Do
Thomas Stickney	of	Do	Three	Do
John Chandler	of	Do	Three	Do
William Coffin	of	Do	One	Do
Ebenezer Hall	of	Do	One	Do
Jonathan Merrill	of	Do	One	Do
Amos Abbott	of	Do	Two	Do
Edward Abbott	of	Do	Two	Do
Ephraim Farnum J^{r}	of	Do	One	Do
Benjamin Farnum	of	Do	Two	Do
Joseph Farnum	of	Do	One	Do
Timothy Bradley	of	Do	One	Do
Revd Timothy Walker	of	Do	Two	Do
Joseph Eastman	of	Do	One	Do
Aaron Stevens	of	Do	Two	Do
Moses Hall	of	Do	One	Do
Philip Kimball	of	Do	One	Do
Ebenezer Eastman	of	Do	One	Do
David Hall	of	Do	One	Do
Philip Eastman	of	Do	Two	Do
James Walker	of	Do	One	Do
Charles Walker	of	Do	One	Do
Richard Hasseltine	of	Do	One	Do
Paul Walker	of	Do	One	Do
Jeremiah Bradley	of	Do	One	Do
Hannah Osgood	of	Do	Two	Do
Asa Kimball	of	Do	One	Do
Moses Eastman	of	Do	One	Do

John Bradley	of Do	One	Do
Jonathan Stickney	of Do	One	Do
Reuben Kimball	of Do	One	Do
Benjamin Abbott	of Do	One	Do
Joshua Abbott	of Do	One	Do
Abiel Chandler	of Do	Five	Do
Timothy Walker Tertius	of Do	One	Do
Nathaniel Eastman	of Do	Two	Do
The Heirs of Eben^{r} Virgin of Concord		Three	Rights
Peter Green of Concord		One	Do
Ephraim Carter of Concord		One	Do
The Heirs of Jeremiah Dresser of Do		One	Do
Nathaniel Rolfe of Do		One	Do
John Chase of Do		One	Do
Benjamin Thompson Esqr of Do		One	Do
Paul Rolfe of Do		Five	Do
Ebenezer Harden Goss of Do		Four	Do
Nathan Abbott of Do		One	Do
Gustavus Adolphus Goss		One	Do
Amos Eastman of Hollis		One	Do
Abraham Kimball of Bradford		One & Three Quarters	Do
Timothy Walker of Conway		One & Three Quarters	Do
Ebenezer Hall of Sanford		One	Do
Jeremiah Eastman of Sanford		One	Do
Dr Charles Chauncey of Boston		One	Do
The Heirs of Revd Saml Phillips of Andover		One & a half	Do
Stephen Farrington of Fryebourgh		One	Do
The Heirs of Abner Fowler of Coos		One	Do
Elijah Durgan of Hopkinton N. H.		One	Do
Caleb Smart of Do		One	Do
Jonathan Straw J^{r} of Do		One	Do
Benjamin Gale of Haverhill		One	Do
Cutting Marsh of Do		one quarter of a Right	

Nathaniel Marsh of Do	one quarter of a Right
James McHard of Do	half of a Right
Robert Davis of Concord	Three quarters of a Right
Anna Stevens of Do	One quarter of a Right
Henry Lovejoy of Do	One quarter of a Right
Phinehas Kimball of Do	One quarter of a Right
Samuel Rennells of Boxford	half a Right
Samuel & William Dana of Groton	half a Right
Dudley Colman of Newbury	half a Right

N. B. Hon^a Joseph Gerrish Esqr (one of said Comm^e) was present at said meeting & Consented to the foregoing Report.

Samuel Phillips Conath Webster Comm^e

Haverhill Novr 18th 1774.

To the Honble the Council & Honble House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Memorial of Francis Shaw Junr Humbly shews, That to add to the Distress of the Inhabitants of the Township of Gouldsboro (before in a very Deplorable Situation) the Schooner Liverpool from Liverpool in Nova Scotia Commanded by a Capt Young came into the Harbour on the 4th of March last & plundered the stores of your Memorialist of Provisions & other Articles to the Amount of Three Thousand Pounds, this Loss, togeather with the Disapointment in not being able to Dispose of a large Number of Masts, Sparrs &c (occasioned by a Late Act of your Honors) leaves your Memorialist unable to purchase anything for the Reliefe of said Distressed Inhabitants, your Memorialist therefore Humbly prays that your Honors, would purchase said Masts &c. or take such other steps as your Wisdom may Direct, and your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

Francis Shaw J^r

Boston 9 April 1779.

D^r the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to the Committee of Correspondence Inspection &c. for the town of Kittery for their time and expence, in taking care of, and leasing out the Estate of Sir William Pepperrell, an Absentee.

March 20th 1778.	To five of the Committee one day to advertise said Estate to be leased out, &c.	£ 4 : 16 :
April 1st	To four of the Committee one day, attending Vendue, to lease out said Estate & expences of vendue, writing leases &c.	7 : 7 :
January 1779.	To four of the Committee two days to make an Inventory of the Estate, and to copy & sign the same & expences for convey^g	10 : 11 :
Mar. 12th	To three of said Committee one day writing advertisemen^ts for leasing out the Estate.	7 :
18th	To three of the Committee one day examining copies of Records relative to the Estate of And^w Pepperrell Esqr and paying for the same.	7 : 13 :
April 1st	To four of the Committee one day, attending Vendue for leasing out s^d Sir Willm Pepperrells Estate & expences of vendue &c.	13 : 18 : 02
	To paid for postage & printing Advertisements, as directed	6 : 0 : 0
	To paid for carriage of advertisements to the three adjoining towns & writing six pair of Leases, and paper &c	8 : 2 :
5th	To three of the Committee one	

day to sign Leases and rec^{g} money, and their expences	5 : 14
To three of the Committee half a day to draw out copy acco^{t} &c	4 : 4
To a day of Edwd Cutts Esqr to York to present this acc^{t}, to the Judge of probates &c	1 : 16
To paid at the probate Office &c	: 12
	£77 : 13 : 2

Kittery April 10th 1779

Errors excepted: Signed by order of the Committee.

Edward Cutts, Chairman

p^{r} contra C^{r}

By cash rec^{d} for rents for the year 1777, the sum of	£ 5 :
By cash rec^{d} of sundry persons for the rents of the Estates for the year 1778, the sum of	49 :
By cash rec^{d} of Sundry persons in full for rents for the year 1779 & two cows &c., the sum of	223 : 3 :
By cash rec^{d} at another time for the year 1777, the sum of (omitted in its place)	10 : 1 :
	287 : 4 :
	77 : 13 : 2
To balance	£209 : 10 : 10

York SS. York April 20th 1779 Edward Cutts Esqr presented this Account for allowance: I have examined the same with the vouchers &c &c. I do allow the Account and find the balance due to be two hundred & nine Pounds ten Shillings & ten Pence.

Joseph Simpson Judge of Probate

Copied from the original, by Daniel Sewall, Reg^{r}

Kittery Committees Acc^{t} for taking care of Absentees Estate

A Provision Roll of the Company of Soldiers Stationed on Penobscott River Taken from ye pay Roll Boston Feby 26th, 1778.

Mens Names	Time of Entrance in ye Service	Time when Discharged	Whole time of Service Days
Andrew Gillman	Sepr 11th 1776	Jany 22d 1778	499.10
Jeremiah Colburn	Do. Do.	Do.	499
Joseph Manssell	Do. 12th Do.	Do.	498
Wm Patten	Octo 12th Do.	Do.	468.11
Samuel Low	Do. 12th Do.	Oct 13th 1777	367
Joshua Marshall	Do. 14th 1777	Jany 22 1778	101
Patrick Mahoney	Do. 12th 1776	Octo 19th 1777	373
Benj^a Rose	Do. 20th 1777	Jany 22d 1778	95
Isaac Bussell	Do. 12th 1776	July 28th 1777	290.12
Silas Harthorn Junr	July 29th 1777	Jany 22d 1778	178.13
Wm Colburn	Octo 12th 1776	Do.	468.14
Eben McKenzie	Do. 12th 1776	Sepr 28th 1777	352.15
Josiah Burley	Do. 12th Do.	Octr 13th 1777	367.16
Simeon Johnson	Do. 12th Do.	Jany 22d 1778	468.17
Daniel Cogswell	Do. 12th Do.	May 4th 1777	205.18
David Bradley	May 5th 1777	Augt 19th 1777	107.19
Isaac Freese	Augt 20th 1777	Jany 22d 1778	156.26
Nathl Tarr	Octo 12th 1776	Sept 28th 1777	352.21
Mosess Craige	Sepr 29th 1777	Octo 13th 1777	15
John Eayres	Octo 12th 1776	May 4th 1777	205
John O'Brian	May 5th 1777	Sepr 28th 1778	157
Step^h Bussell	Octo 12th 1776	Oct 13th 1777	367
Charles Blagdon	Do. 19th Do.	May 4th 1777	198
Saml Curtis	May 5th 1777	Augt 4th 1777	92
Tamon Applewhite	Augt 5th 1777	Octo 20th 1777	77
Arch^d McPhetres	Octo 19th 1776	Jany 22d 1778	461
David Rowell	Do. 19th Do.	Aprl 10th 1777	174
Ezra Pratt	Aprl 11th 1777	Octo 15th 1777	188
James Nicholls	Nov. 3d 1776	Feby 16 1777	106
Henry Gray	Feby 17 1777	Apr 13 1777	56
Auther Day	Aprl 14 1777	Sept 28 1777	168
Seth Webb	Octo 12th 1776	Feby 2 1777	114
Jo: Clerk Negro	Feby 3d 1777	Jany 22d 1778	354
Elisha Grant	Octo 25th 1776	May 4 1777	192
Patrick Boo	May 5th 1777	Sept 28 1777	177
Eben^r Crosby	Decr 2d 1776	May 4 1777	154
James Laughrigg	May 5th 1777	Octr 19 1777	168
Augustian (Indian)	Octr 12th 1776	Jany 22d 1778	468
Joseph Montagueso	Do. 12th Do.	Do.	468
Little Sebaris	Novr 28th Do.	Do.	422
Seard Ausong	Do. 29th Do.	Do.	421

Col^{o} Leivey	Do.	2d Do.	Do.	447
Francis Moxis	Do.	11th Do.	Do.	438
Sock Beason	Do.	2d Do.	Do.	417
French Messer	Feby	3d 1777	Do.	354
Piel Mohawk	Octo	12th 1776	Do.	468
Pied Encouiler	Feby	3d 1777	Do.	354
				13523
To one Ration each to Lt Andrew Gillman & Ensign Colburn from Sep^{t} 11th 1776, to Jany 22^{d} 1778				998
				14521
			Rec'd Commissary Devons	13260
			Remains Due	1261 Rations

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble Council & House of Representatives of said State.

The Petition of Andrew Gilman humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner was appointed by the Hon^{l} Genl Court in Septr in the Year 1776 to Command a Guard of thirty men (including ten Indians) to be stationed at Penobscott River, which men were by a Resolve of the 22^{d} Jany 1778, Ordered to be discharged, but they were not made acquainted with, or heard of their Discharge 'till 7th Feby following, during which time your Petitioner was obliged to borrow provisions for the use of said men, which y^{r} Petitioner engaged to return in provisions and your Honors must be sensible that it will be a great hardship for him to purchase provisions at the present exorbitant price to replace that borrowed for the men aforesaid

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honors to order the Commissary General to deliver your Petitioner the back Rations due to an Ensign, and twenty men of said Comp^{y}

from 22d Jany to 7th Feby aforesaid being fifteen days, & likewise permit him to make up the pay Roll for the men aforesaid for said term of time

And as in Duty bound will ever pray

Andrew Gilman

Boston April 12th 1779

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 13, 1779.

Upon the Petition of Timothy Walker Junr in behalf of himself and Associates Praying that this Court would accept of a Second Plan & List of Sufferers instead of the first that were returned into the Secretary's office agreeable to the Conditions in the original Grant of a Town Ship of Land to the said Timothy Walker & others upon Amoscoggin River in Febry 1774 which Plan & List of Sufferers are Since lost.

Also praying that a longer time may be allowed for Settlement And that some Suitable person may be appointed to warn a meeting of the Grantees &c.

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Plan of a Township taken by William Chamberlain Surveyr under oath bounded as Followeth (Beginning at a Tree upon Sudbury Canada line & Runing north 18½ degrees west (crossing Amoscoggin River) Seven miles & forty Poles to a Spruce tree then turning & runing North 71½ degrees East Seven mile & forty Pole to a beach Tree, then turning & Runing South 18½ degrees East crosing said River again Seven miles & forty Poles to another Beach Tree which make the South easterly corner of said Township then turning & runing South 71½ degrees west Seven miles & forty Poles to the first mentioned Bounds Be & hereby is accepted in Lieu of a Plan Returned into the Secretarys office by said Walker agreable to the Grant of Said Township

And it is further Resolved that the Second List of Sufferers as agreed upon by Joseph Gerrish Samuel Phillip and Jonathan Webster Esq^{rs} the Committee appointed by the General Court Feby 1774 to Inquire into the Sufferings of Pennicook Grantees & make out and return a List of such Sufferers.

Be & hereby is accepted instead of the first list Returned into the Secretarys office & since lost.

And be it further Resolved that the time Limited in the said Grant for Settling thirty families within said Township be Extended to the Term of five years Longer.

And be it further Resolved that the Revd Timothy Walker be and he hereby is Impowered & directed to Call a meeting of the said Proprietors to be held in the Town of Haverhill in the County of Essex at such time as he shall think proper by Publishing the same with the business which they are to meet in Willises Newspaper three weeks, Successively ending at least one week before said meeting & posting the same at the Several Public Houses or Taverns in the Town of Concord in the State of New Hampshire one month at least before said meeting.

Also when to agree upon & determine the manner of Warning & place of holding future meetings in any Town within this State or if more convenient in any Town within the State of New Hampshire

Sent up for Concurrence John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council Apl 13th 1779

Read & Concurred John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 12, 1779

On the Petition of Betty Pote praying for Leave to depart this State with her husband, Jeremiah Pote, now a Prisoner

in the State of New Hampshire whenever he may be sent away & that She may have Liberty to carry her Negro Woman, an Apprentice Boy & her Household Furniture

Resolved that the Prayer of the Petition be so far granted that she have Leave to go with her Husband whenever he may be sent away, not to return to the State again & that she have Liberty to carry her Negro Woman, said Negro Woman consenting thereto, her wearing apparel & such other Articles as the Committee of Safety for Falmouth shall judge necessary to render her comfortable on her passage.

And it is further Resolved that the Committee of Safety be & they hereby are directed to take into their Possession all the Estate of the above s^d^ Pote real & personal & retain the same till the further Order of this Court.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

In Council Apl 13, 1779.

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 12th 1779.

On the Petition of Joanna Wyer praying that her Husband an Absentee may be permitted to come in a Flag to Falmouth & that She may have Leave to depart this State with him & carry her Linnen & Household Furniture

Resolved That **A** her Husband be not permitted to come, but that She **B** have Liberty to go either to New Port or Halifax in a Cartel not to return to this State again, & that She be permitted to carry Wearing Apparel & Such other Articles, as the Committee of Safety for Falmouth shall judge necessary to render her comfortable on her Passage. And it is further Resolved that the Committee of Safety be

and they hereby are directed to take into their Posession all the Estate of the above s^d^ Wyers real & Personal & retain the same till the further Orders of this Court.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

In Council April 13, 1779

Read & Concurred with an Amendment from **A** to **B.** Viz^t^ dele from **A.** to **B.** and insert Joanna Wyer.

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives April 13, 1779.

Read & Concurred

John Pickering Spk^r^

State of Mass Bay

In the House of Rep^s^ April 13, 1779

Upon the Petition of Joseph Baker & others praying that this Court would accept of a second Plan & List of Sufferers insted of the First that were returned into the Secretarys office agreable to the Condition Contained in the Original Grant of a Township of Land to the said Baker & others upon the Eastern side of Saco River February 1774 which Plan & List of Sufferers are Since Lost

Also praying that a Longer time may be allowed for Settlement, and that some sutable Person may be appointed to warn a Meeting of the Grantees &c.

Resolved that the Prayer of the petition be granted & that the Plan of a Township taken by Joseph Fry J^r^ Surveyor under Oath bounded as followeth viz: Beginning at a maple Tree near upper Keezer River & Runing South forty-five degrees East on the Northeast Side line of Fryeburg one Thousand Nine hundred & Eighty three Poles to a pitch pine tree then turning & running north sixty-five Deg^s^ East fifteen hundred & twelve pole to a White pine tree with

Stones laid round it, then turning & Runing North 25 deg^{s} West three thousand one hundred & ninety-nine poles to a Stone Set into the ground with small stones laid round it then turning & runing South Sixty-five degrees west Sixteen hundred & four Poles to a Stake & Stones then turning & running south forty-five degrees East Sixty-four Poles to a Red oak tree from thence runing South twenty deg^{s} East four hundred & forty poles to a maple Tree then running South Eighty-five deg^{s} East thirty-two Pole to a Birch Tree upon the Westerly Shore of the Lower Bay of upper Keezer Pond so called then turning & Running upon the Westerly Side of the Lower Bay of said Kezer Pond Seven hundred & Eighty Poles to a Rock then Runing upon the boundary line of Land lately Laid out of the North corner of Fryeburg three Hundred & fifty four Poles to the Maple tree first mentioned.

Provided that there is not more Land contained within said described Bound than the amount of the Contents of Seven mile Square.

Be & hereby is accepted in Lieu of the Plan Returned into the Secretary's office by said Baker & others agreeable to the grant of said Township

And it is further Resolved that the Second List of Sufferers as agreed upon by Joseph Gerrish, Samuel Phillips & Jonathan Webster Esqr, the committee appointed by the General Court Feb'y 1774, to Inquire into the Suffering of Suncook Grantees & make out & return a List of such Sufferers, be & hereby is accepted insted of the first list Returned into the Secretarys Office & which is since lost.

And be it further Resolved that the time Limited in the said Grant for settling thirty Families within Said Township be prolonged for the term of five years from February last.

And be it further Resolved that Capt Joseph Baker be & hereby is Impowered & directed to call a meeting of the

Proprietors to be held in the Town of Haverhill in the County of Essex at such time as he shall think Proper by Publishing the same with the Business for which they are to meet in Willesses News Paper.

Three weeks Successively ending at least one week before said meeting & Posting the same at the Several Public Houses in the Town of Pennicook, in the State of New Hampshire one month at least before said meeting

Also when met to agree upon & determine the manner of Warning & Place of holding future meeting in any Town within this State or if more convenient in any Town within the State of New Hampshire.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r

In Council April 13th 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy.

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay assembled at Boston April the 7th 1779.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly sheweth That in February 1774 your Petitioners obtained of the General Court of this then Province a Grant of a Township on the easterly side of Sawco River in compensation for the loss of Suncook on the River Merrimack, conditioned that your Petitioners should return into the Secretary's Office here, a Plan of the granted Premises by a Surveyor and chainmen under Oath within a year from the grant as also a List of the Sufferers who were to be benefitted thereby certified by a Committee appointed by said Court to enquire into and ascertain the same, which Plan your Petitioners returned within the Limited Time, but by the great confusion which this

Metroplis was soon after thrown into the Plan was lost Whereupon your Petitioners have been at the expence of procuring a New Plan of the Premises which together with a List of the Grantees, certified by the major part of the Committee appointed for that Service (who still Survive) your Petitioners pray you would please to accept instead of that formerly returned but lost. And whereas the Term allowed for settlement will expire next February, and the cares & efforts of your Grantees have been so intirely absorbed in the general defence of the Country during the present distressing war as to render them utterly incapable of making the least advance towards compleating the same, they therefore pray that the said Period may be lengthened out to such future Day as your Honours shall please to appoint and also that you would direct some suitable Person to warn a meeting of said Grantees at such Place and in such manner as you may judge legal in order to adjust accounts of past expences and transact any matter or thing necessary to forward the settlement of the said Township, and also to order where and how future meetings of said Grantees shall be convened

and your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray etc.

Job Abbott	Joseph Baker	Asa Foster
John Man	John White	Moses Tyler
William Knox	Andrew Gault	David Lovejoy
Caleb Lovejoy	John Knox	Francis Doyne
Robert Moor	James Cunningham	Daniel Holt
Thomas Baker Jr	Aaron Whittemore	

State of Mass. Bay

In the House of Representatives April 14, 1779.

On the Petition of Barbara Ross & Esther Martin praying they may be permitted to go to their Husbands at New York

& carry with them their children, wearing apparel Bedding, Linnen, & Household furniture.

Resolved that the said Barbaree Ross & Esther Martin, with their Children have liberty to go to New York in a Cartel not to return to this State again & that they be permitted to carry their wearing apparel & such other articles as the Committee of Safety for the Town of Falmouth shall judge necessary to render them comfortable on their passage.

And it is further Resolved that the said be and hereby are directed to take into their possession the Estate of Thomas Ross & John Martin's husbands of the said Barbaree & Esther & retain the same till the further Order of this Court.

Sent up for Concurence

John Pickering Spk^r

In council April 14, 1779

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy.

To the Honble Council and Honble House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Francis Shaw Junr of Gouldsborough in the County of Lincoln & State afores^d — Humbly Shews

that as your petitioner has already Informed your Honors, his Store Was plundred by a Brittish Privateer of the 4th of March last, of Sundry Articles to the Amo^t of Three Thousand Pounds, that as your petitioner has some Effects and Sundry Debts due to him from Sundry Persons in Nova Scotia, which he could Receive had he an opportunity Your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays that your Honors would be pleased to grant him leave to go into said Government of Nova Scotia & to Return with such of his Effects as he may be able to Collect & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray. Francis Shaw Junr

Boston 15 April 1779.

State of Massachusetts Bay.

In the House of Representatives April 16, 1779 on the accounts of Joseph McLallen Treasurer of the County of Cumberland

Whereas it appears upon Examination of the County Treasurers accounts for the county of Cumberland that all the moneys Granted and allowed by the General Sessions of the peace for s^d^ County from May 1777 to Jany 1779 were for such purposes and appropriations as the Law impowered the s^d^ court to Grant and the Ballance Due to the county is Ninety-two pounds eleven shillings nine pence ¼.

Therefore Resolved that the s^d^ accounts be allowed.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

In Council April 17, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives April 17, 1779.

On the Petition of Richard Lombard

Resolved that the Committee upon muster Rolls be and they hereby are directed to receive & examine the Muster Roll of said Lombard and to adjust the same on the Establishment of the sea Coast men for the year 1776 and that the amount thereof be paid to Coll. Edmund Phinney for the use of the Persons named in said Roll he giving his Receipt therefor.

Sent up for concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

In Council April 17, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

To The Honble Council, and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled

May it Please your honours the Petition of George Stillman, in behalf of Captain Robbins Company stationed at Machias the last summer, Humbly Sheweth: —

That Whereas said Company was Raised in the diferent Parts of the eastern Country and have been Put to the utmost dificulty, by Reason of Leaving their Families and have Received no more than forty shillings pr month wages, as a Compensation for their Services

Your Petitioner having an order to Receive the wages for said Company Humbly Prays Your Honors to take this Matter into your wise Consideration and Grant them such further Relief as you may think proper, and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound &c.

George Stillman

Boston April 17, 1779.

Treasurer's Office 20th April 1779.

Received of Mr Josiah Noyes Two hundred and fourteen pounds seven shillings in part for taxes set on the town of Falmouth C^{o} Cumb^{d} by the General Court in the year 1765, for which sum I have given the said Noyes another receipt of this same tenor and date, £214: 7

Jno Furnass for ye Treasurer.

True copy of original Attest

John Avery Sec'y.

County of Cumberland New Gloucester July 13th 1801.

I the subscriber acknowledge the above to be a true copy of a receipt mentioned in Resolve of Jan 4th 30th 1801.

Isaac Parsons Administrator on the Estate of Josiah Noyes.

D^r the State of Massachusetts Bay to the Committee of Inspection &c for the town of Arundel in the county of York, for their time & expence in taking care of, and leasing out the Estate of Sir William Pepperrell, an Absentee, and selling the Cattle &c

To leasing out, collecting, writing, posting &c &c £62: 5

Arundel April 20th 1779.

Errors excepted. Signed by order of the Committee
Benj^a Meads Lord Chairman.

C^r

By rents, cash &c &c	£460: 13: 0
	62: 5: 0
To balance	398: 8: 0

York SS. York April 23^d 1779 Benj^a Meads Lord Esqr presented this Acc^t for allowance; I have examined the same, with the vouchers &c &c. I do allow the Account, and find the balance due to be three hundred ninety-eight Pounds eight shillings

Joseph Simpson, Judge of Probate

Copied from the original by Daniel Sewall, Reg^r

To the Honorable the Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts bay

The Memorial of the Ministers and Elders of the churches associated into the first Presbytery of the Eastward at their annual Session at Topsham in the County of Lincoln by adjournment June 10, 1778

Humbly Sheweth That this Presbytery, deeply affected with the cries of the several settlements in these parts that are destitute of the preached Gospel & have applied to them for supply, upon finding themselves incapable now to send them any relief, — at the same time, taking into their serious consideration the melancholy state of by far the greatest

part of the Eastern Country equally denied the public means of Grace, and utterly unable in their present circumstances to procure to themselves the enjoyment of that privilege, could no longer forbear to submit their case to the wise contemplation of The Fathers of the State, in whose powers we know, it is to grant them that favor which the concerns of our own charges, & the scarcity of laborers in the Gospel vineyard in these parts constrains us to refuse.

Your Memorialists therefore beg leave to represent to your Honors that in the single County of Lincoln there are upwards of forty towns & plantations where no Minister of the Gospel hath ever been settled — most of them consist of numbers sufficient to compose moderate parishes. Some are large townships well settled with inhabitants & in the greatest part of them was a comfortable prospect of the way being soon cleared for the happy establishment of Gospel ordinances, until the horrors of the present war suddenly darkened it to midnight gloom:

By the almost total suppression of their trade & so cutting them off from the Western Markets, their wonted resort for the greatest part of the necessaries of life: — by the general engagement of their able-bodied men in the land and sea-service which disabled the remainder to avail themselves, with any great effect of the resources depending on the cultivation of their lands: — and in addition to all, by the peculiar exposure of this sea-coast location to the ravage of hostile fleets, those distresses have been daily increasing which at first forbad the hope of speedily settling the Gospel among them, and now render even its occasional support impracticable to a great majority of their destitute plantations.

The sad consequences of all which is that thousands of precious souls — in a Protestant country — under profession of the Reformed Religion & earnestly craving the bread of

life, are left to suffer a grievous famine of the word of God, their children in multitudes growing up unbaptized and strangers to the ordinary means of obtaining the knowledge of Religion and the inhabitants of a Country of some hundred miles extent, in danger of 'perishing for lack of vision.'

To avert this awful Judgment your Memorialists can see no probable means unless it should please the Honorable Court to grant a sum sufficient to support a single mission to these needy settlements, for the summer months, during present circumstances, and to appoint some able and faithful missionary occasionally to that important trust.

We cannot once suspect that the Honble Court will lend a careless ear to an application of this nature as if beneath their serious notice: nor have we the least apprehension that this relief will be considered as without the line of your Honors' department to provide, any more than it ought to be deemed impertinent in Ministers of the Gospel, living in the nearest vicinity, and peculiarly connected with these destitute places to crave it.

In this request your Memorialists are greatly encouraged from the benefactions of the same kind bestowed by the General Court on these Settlements for some years before the Commencement of their present troubles — benefactions which we have the pleasure to assure your Honors were very pleasing, and we trust profitable to great numbers of these distressed souls and are yet had in grateful remembrance by this whole Country:

The Revival of that Mission at this time is their general and earnest desire: and your Memorialists heartily concurring with them therein, presume it cannot be suggested that their need is less now than when that favor was wont to be conferred; nor could we consider it as ominous of happy issue, should it appear that their strenuous exertions for the most important interests of their country relating to this life,

had obliterated in the mind of the Honble Court the far more momentous concerns of the next.

Most heartily rejecting so ungrateful a reflexion, your Memorialists scruple not to lay themselves & those in whose behalf they plead, at the feet of your much Honored Assembly, confident that you will embrace the earliest opportunity to take their case into your sage deliberations and to grant such relief therein as, to your Honors, in your great wisdom it shall appear to merit & require: nothing doubting that the revival of the former Mission to these parts at this juncture, by the blessing of Heaven, will greatly contribute to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in a dark corner of the land; and at the same time be not a little serviceable to the common cause, by disseminating such knowledge of the true state of public affairs as may effectually refute the insinuation of secret emissaries or abettors of our unnatural enemies and tend to settle the minds of the people to a resolved perseverance in bearing the distresses naturally occurring, and exerting the efforts ever to be required in the contests of oppressed virtue against tyranny & wickedness.

In fine, as your granting this request will confer a lasting obligation on your Mem^lists and this whole people, so that, by that means, the blessing of thousands ready to perish may come upon your Honors, your Mem^lists as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Signed by order of the first Presbytery of the Eastward, and in their name, and presence by

Nathl Ewer Moderator.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 21, 1779.

Whereas Application has been made to this Court by the Rev'd Nathaniel Ewer in the name of the churches associated

into the first Presbitery of the Eastward by their Memorial setting forth that the greatest part of the Eastern Country are destitute of the preached Gospel & unable in their present circumstances to procure to themselves the enjoyment of that privilege, and praying that some able faithful missionary may be provided for them at the Expence of the Public.

And it appearing that good & valuable purposes may be answered by such provision.

Resolved That the Rev[d] Samuel Deane of Falmouth be and he hereby is appointed to that important Trust who shall officiate therein in such places in said County as he with the ministers who are nearest to the destitute places shall judge best, Said Missionary to continue in the said Service until the last Day of October next and no longer.

And it is Resolved That there be allowed & paid to the said Samuel Deane or his Order the Sum of thirty pounds a month, Three months pay to be advanced him at his Entrance upon the aforesaid Mission & the remainder at the End of the Term for which he shall be employed as aforesaid.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk[r]

In Council April 21, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 21, 1779

On the Petition of Francis Shaw of Goldsborough in the County of Lincoln praying for leave to go to Nova Scotia and bring from thence his effects and collect sundry debts due to him there.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the said Francis Shaw have leave and is hereby permit-

ted to go to Nova Scotia and bring from thence such of his effects and dues as he may have opportunity or be able to obtain there & return again to this state.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council April 21st 1779.

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives April 24, 1779.

On the Representation of John Allan Esq. Continental Agent of the Indians in the Eastern department

Resolved that the Board of War be and they are hereby directed to Borrow of the Continental Agent and Commissary in this department, Such Stores, Goods &c as they were directed to deliver to Said Allan, and which are not at present in the Public Stores of this State.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^{r}

In Council April 24, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Mem^{o} of what the Board of War Can furnish, bbls Flour 50 d^{o} Beef 600^{w} Powder 1500^{w} Balls 50 Stand of Arms 25 Pick axes 25 Spades 25 Shovels 2^{bls} 2^{qr} Cordage 4 bags Virmillion 2 4–p^{d} Cannon Hatts Blankets in part Knives falling Axes

State of Massachusetts Bay Council Chamber April 23, 1779

To Colonel John Allan commanding officer at Machias

You are hereby directed without loss of time to appoint one Captain and two Subalterns suitable for officers to command a Company of Rangers and give them orders to raise

by inlistment ninety-seven non-commission officers and Privates agreeable to the resolve of the General Court of the twentyeth of April Instant: to be employed by you in the Eastern parts of this State in Scouting & guarding in such manner as you shall determine will be conformable to the resolve aforesaid and most to the publick benefit. You will also continue in the service of Lieᵗ Albee and the thirty-three men under his Command untill the further order of the General Court. The two Coars aforesaid you will take the direction and command of and issue such orders and directions to them as you shall judge Just and necessary

In behalf of the Council

President.

To the Honble the Council Board of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of John Allan Continental Agent for Indians and commanding officer of the Troops stationed at Machias

The Honble the General Court of this State Having passed a resolve on the 20th Inst. Impowering the Honble Board to raise Three Hundred men for the Eastern part of this state when occation requires, also a Company of Rangers & one of Artillery

Your Memorialist woud beg leave to Lay before your Honors the Necessity of raising the Two Latter as soon as possible as of the Greatest Consequence in persuing the Business, & fullfilling the Intention of Government in that Department

Your Memorialist therefore Humbly prays that your Honors woud be pleased, to take the matter under your wise Consideration & Order such Necessary measures as in your Wisdom may think suitable for the raising & Embodying said Two Companys. Further praying that every Encouragement

may be Given as far as Consistant with the Rules & Rights of the Country.

J. Allan

Boston April 25, 1779.

1779	The State of Massachusetts to the Com^{tee} of York	D^{r}
Apl. 1	To Venduing, and sundry charges in letting Land that was William Pepperrell's, an Absentee	£6 : 0 : 0
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		£6 : 7 : 0
1779	Apl 1st C^{r}	
	By cash for rent of Land that was William Pepperrell, an Absentee	£24 : :
		6 : 7
	Bal^{a} due	£17 : 13 : 0

Errors excepted p^{r} Jno Stone Nicolas Sewall Com^{tee}

York SS. York April 26th 1779. This Account was presented by Capt John Stone & Mr Nicolas Sewall, Committee of Safety &c. of the Town of York for allowance: I have examined the same &c. and do allow the Account, and find a balance of seventeen Pounds thirteen Shillings

Joseph Simpson, Judge of Probate

Copied from the original by Daniel Sewall, Reg^{r}

To the Honble Board of War of the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Agreeable to the Law of this State enacting "That each "Brigadier of this Colony shall keep constantly provided at "the expence of the same two good Field Pieces that shall "Carry a Shot not more than six nor less than two pounds

"weight mounted on good & Substantial travelling Carriages "together with Harresses, Rammers, Ladles, Spunges Pow-"der Horns & other necessary accoutrements for the same & "shall also keep constantly provided at the expence of the "Colony for each Field piece as aforesaid Forty Rounds of "Iron Shot, Forty Cases of Iron or Leaden Ball & eighty "Rounds of Powder with Cartridges for the same." Please to Deliver to Capt. Samuel Oakman two good Field Pieces either three or Four Pounders as the said Samuel shall choose together with every other article for the same agreeable to said act.

I am with respect Your Most H^ble^ Servt

Chas Cushing

Brig^r^ of the County of Lincoln

Pownalborough, April 27th 1779

In Council May 18, 1779. Read & Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to deliver Capt Samuel Oakman by order of Charles Cushing Esqr Brig^r^ General for the County of Lincoln two good Field Pieces either three or four Pounders with the necessary apparatus together with forty rounds of Iron Shot, forty Cases of Iron or Leaden Ball & Eighty rounds of Powder 2^w^ Cartridges for the same.

To the hon^ble^ Board of War for the use of his Brigade in said County

Attest Jno Avery D. Secy.

To the House of Representatives April 24, 1779

Read & thereupon Ordered That Capt. Noyes & Coll. Hutchinson with such as ye Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk^r^

In Council April 27, 1779.

Read & Concurred and Benjamin Greenleaf Esqr is joined.

John Avery D. Secy

The Committee of both houses above named, have considered the aforegoing Letter, and are of Opinion that if some of the Armed Ships belonging to this Continent, or to this State, should, at times, when they are not Employed on more important services, be ordered on short cruises along the Eastern Shore, they might probably do an essential service, by capturing the small British Cruisers that infest that shore, or by obliging them to retire from that quarter. Your committee cannot devise any other means for the Relief of the Inhabitants of that part of the state under their present Distresses.

B. Greenleaf p^{r} order

In Council April 27, 1779

Read & Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence

Jno Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives April 27, 1779.

Read & Concurred

John Pickering Spk^{r}

Falm^{o} April 29th 1779.

Sir,

I beg leave once more to trouble your honor upon the same subject I wrote you lately upon. I find Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Martin have their petition answered so far as to obtain leave to go to their husbands at New York in a Cartel. The Bearer of this applies to Council for a Commission or permit for a small sloop they have hired to go as a Cartel He will tell you the name, tons, & hands that are to go: If the Council see fit to grant such permit which it seems to me they may by force of the resolve of Court in their favour,

Mrs. Betty Pote & Mrs Joanna Wyer would be exceeding glad to be included & mentioned in it, since the one has leave to go with her husband from New hampshire, & the other to go in a Cartel to Halifax or Newport by resolve of Court and since they have leave to go they think it can be of no consequence from whence they go, & whither it be to Newport, or New York, and as Mrs. Wyer's husband is at New York she would be glad to go direct by thither & not to Newport. The Bearer will furnish Copies of the Resolves of Court that ye particular vessel to go as a Cartel should be authorized by ye Council or Supreme executive. I ask pardon for giving you this repeated trouble & calling your attention from matters of greater importance, but I ventured to do it to oblige ye Petitioners who are solicitous to get to their husbands in ye cheapest & most expeditous way they can.

Your kind offices will much oblige them and your very humb^le^ Ser^vt^

Theo Bradbury

Hon Jer. Powell Esqr

Mrs. Pote hears from her husband from Portsmouth that he is likely to be sent away soon, but the vessel he goes in is likely to be crowded with prisoners which with ye difficulty of going to Portsmouth makes her desirous of going directly from home if she can be permitted.

To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives for the State of Massachusetts Bay.

May it please your Honors

It is with real concern that your Memorialist is Compelled for the Interest & Honor of the Service of the United States, to Trouble your Honors on Business to which there has been so much attention paid & Time taken up already

Fully sensible as a Public as well as a private Person, of the Candid & generous Conduct of the Honble Court, in ordering such necessary supplys from Time to Time as to enable your Mem^{t} to discharge his Duty to the States Agreeable to the intentions of Congress more particular for the Resolve In the present Sessions, & the order to the Board of War, for furnishing supplys.

Your memo^{t} had the said order with the Schedule of the Supplys Delivered to the Board of War, who acquainted your Memo^{t} that the most of the perticulars Coud not be furnished But that there were other Articles in the state Store which coud be Spared. Your Mem^{t} accordingly by the desire of the Board of War Sorted out such things which might answer since which they have thought it Expedient, not to Deliver anything without a Resolve of the General Court, mentioning every perticular, and that the articles mentioned in the Second part of the Mem^{o} hereunto annex'd Coud not be furnished.

Your memo^{t} would beg Leave to Take Notice That some of said memo. is now in the State Store, & part of them may be procured from the Continental Military stores under the Directions of General Heath who acquainted your memo^{t} that he would spare part of anything he possibly cou'd for the purpose, and am persuaded some has already been delived for that End.

The Schedule of supplys reported by the respectable Committee appointed by the Honble Court, was as Low as Coud possibly be to answer the purpose Intended by Congress & was so returned only on Account of the Indigent State the Country was in reguard of Supplys.

Your memo^{t} woud beg leave further to observe, that the Post he has had the Direction of, is View'd by the principle Gentlemen in the Military Department as well as Congress to be of Great Importance & without Doubt there is Expecta-

tions of reaping many assential Advantages to the Cause in General from that Quarter. Your memo^{t} is now charged with some matters of Importance, which by Delaying will have a tendency to many Evil Consequences, and the want of the Provisions & other matters in said Mem^{o} hereunto annexed will be of the greatest Damage at this Juncture.

Your Memorialist therefore thinks it a Duty to Acquaint the Honble Court of the present State of his business before his Departure and would further take the Liberty to Inform them, that he intends seting off for Machias by Land on Tuesday morning & shall Leave the Schooner till the Board of War can procure the supplys. Any further Commands or Instructions will be allways Esteem'd an Honor to be Interested with. with all Duty and respect.

By Your Devoted Hbl Ser^{vt}

J. Allan

Boston April 29th 1779.

In Council April 29, 1779
Read & Sent Down

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives

Intelligence Receiv'd from the River Penobscutt by Capt John Prebble in the Service of the United States of America who was sent Express by order of the Continental Agent & has been Particularly Examin'd into by

John Allan
Cont. Agent & Com. in Chief of Ind^{s} Eas^{t} Dep^{t}

Machias May 18th 1779

April 30th 1779

John Nepten & Orono came into Prebbles at Penobscutt Falls by Express sent by John Marsh from John Prebble, and was Informed that a Message with Wampum was sent from Captain Smith at Machias Deputy Superintendent, to

Acquaint the whole Tribe that Col° Allan requested their Assembling at Machias the 25th May to Receive the Priest & to bring Peltry with them.

Then John Nepten Presents three small Strings Wampum and says (holding the first String) These are sent our Tribe from Canada by Two young men about three weeks ago

"1st String, we send you this to open your Eyes

2d String, That you may see a great way

3d String, That your Ears may be opened to hear & fix your Hearts, that you may have a Right understanding to what I am going to tell you"

Then Presenting a Large Belt of Wampum 1500, White; said this Likewise was sent us from Canada with this Message.

"Brothers Don't have any Connections with the Americans Remove your selves off from them & not keep with them, for Powder & Balls has no Respect to Persons for if we shou'd find one of our Brothers Dead it wou'd make us sorry & Angry.

The Americans have no Knowledge of what they are about in Fighting the Great King of England, but now the King is in Earnest & Determin'd to whip them severly, we send you this Great Belt of Wampum for every one of you to See & think of, and to shew it to the St John's & Micmac's & to let them Know what we say & Return the Belt Back to us Immediately.

The Indians are coming a Cross the Woods as soon as the Leaves are as big as our Nails, and are Determin'd to Destroy the White People, 300 on the River Penobscutt, 300 upon Norridgwalk River & 300 upon Cohos.

There is 300 Barrels Flour at Soccocon for the Support of the Indians who are coming a Cross the Country.

"Brothers of Penobscutt we have Provision Enough in Canada to last 30 years if the war shou'd last so long. Don't think this Belt of Wampum is sent for nothing. Don't make

a Laugh & scorn of it, it is the Truth we send you & you may Depend upon it.

"Brothers, there is now at & near Canada 9000 Indians ready to Execute any orders they may receive from the British General in Canada.

"Brothers, the Indians were so rejoiced to get their Wampum Carried to your Tribe, that they Danced & Drank three Days & Nights & Liquor was given them as free as water.

John Prebble

A True Copy

Ja^{s} Avery Sec'y of In^{s} Ea^{n} Dep^{t}

To the Honorable the Council & the House of Representatives in General Court Assembled at Boston.

The Petition of the Committees on Penobscot River in Behalf of the Inhabitants Humbly Sheweth: —

That whereas their is a Vote past by the Inhabitants of said River at their march meeting ye 22^{d} Instant Impowering the Committees of Safety & Correspondence to Represent The Deplorable State of the Inhabitance on said River —

Wee humbly beg leave to acquaint your Honours as far as to our knowledge Extends, the Circumstances of the Inhabitance at present, it being an infant settlement, by which means there was but very little provisions raiz'd the year past which is now Expended and Two Vessells being lately taken by the Enemy, that usually Supply'd us has cut off our prospect of farther suplys and to ad to this, ye Enemy has threatened to block us up intirely, which if that should be the Case the Inhabitance Cannot subsist much Longer

The Enemy likewise threatens to force a Trade here in order to get a Supply of Lumber which would be very disagreeable to the Inhabitants to be forced to Trade with our Comen Enemy to get Relief, Therefore we thought proper

to Acquaint your Honours of our Situation in time & pray your Honors to send us instructions how we shall proceed, Or Grant us such Relief as your Honours in your Wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Penobscot River March 26th 1779.

Jonathan Buck	Jona Buck Junr	Samuel Keyes
Bena page	Henry Black	Letham French,

Committee For the 2d & 3d Destrict.

Jedediah Preble	Benjamin Wheeler	John Emery
Simon Crosby	Robert McCordey	Andrew Grant
Thomas Campbell	Ephrm Grant,	

Committee of Safety.

In Council April 30, 1779 Read and thereupon Ordered That Benjamin Greenleaf Esqr with such as the Honble House shall join be a Committee to consider the Petition & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D Secy

L S Sir George Collier, Commodore & Commander in chief of his Majesty's Ships & vessells employd in North America

The Schooner Freemason of the burthen of ninety-two tons navigated by Mr Thomas Wier as Master and the five Seamen named in the Margin, Robert Hill Wm England Patrick McGuire Alexr McIntosh George a Negro, is permitted to leave this port, and proceed with a flag of Truce to Falmouth in Casco bay, to carry Mr. Tyng, his wife & two servants, and to return to New York with Mr Pots family, Mr. Wier and Family, Mr. Martin & family And Mr. Tyng and family with the goods.

Given on board his Majesty's Ship the Raisonable off New York the 1st May 1779. Geo: Collier

To the Captains, Commanders, and other commissioned officers of his Majestys Ships & Vessells.

By Command of the Commodore

John Marr

A true Coppy

Stephen Hall Chairman of Committee

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 1, 1779.

On the Petition of Andrew Gillman's praying for an order on the Commissary Genl for the back rations Due to an Ensign & twenty men who ware Stationed at Penobscott River & who Did Duty there from the 22d of Jan'y to ye 7th of Feby 1778, being fifteen days which Rations he the said Gillman hath supply'd, out of his own Stores, and that he the said Gilman may have leave to make out a pay role for the aforesaid Ensign & twenty men for the time aforesaid.

Resolved that the Commissary General be and hereby is Directed to Deliver to Left Andrew Gillman 330lb of flower, 412lb of Beef, 41 Quarts of Peas 41 pints of Rice, 330 Quarts of Beer or molasses Equivalent, 16lbs of Buter, 7lb of Sope, 2 gallons & 3 Quarts of Vinegar (if to be had). And it is further Resolved that said Gillman make up his pay role for the aforesaid Ensign and twenty men and Lay it before the Committee on pay Role for Examination and alowance.

Sent up for Concurrence.

John Pickering Spkr

In Council May 1, 1779.

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

State of the Massachusetts Bay To the hon° the Council and honorable the house of Representatives in great and general court assembled

The petition of Sarah Waldo of Boston in the County of Suffolk widow of Samuel Waldo late of Falmouth in the county of Cumberland and guardian of Sally Waldo, Samuel Waldo, John Erving Waldo and Lucy Waldo, children of said Samuel deceased and minors humbly Shews:

That said children are owners of several Tracts and lotts of land in Falmouth as heirs to their deceased Father (except such part as your Petitioner owns as an heir to two of her deceased children) and also of Two fifths of several undivided tracts and lots of land there lying in Comon among the heirs of the late Brigadier Samuel Waldo, Father of your Petitioners said deceased husband (except as aforesaid) That these lands are the principal estate of her said children upon which they depend for their education and bringing up: and yet being mostly wild and unimproved yield little or no present income and are not likely to yield any. That by late laws of the State they are liable to taxes & those in Falmouth only have been in part Assessed for the years 1777 & 1778 at no less a sum than Sixty pounds lawful money and will probably have another considerable tax laid upon them the present year; That she has no personal estate of the deceased in her hands as Administrator to educate & support said Children or to pay said Taxes & such as may in future be laid upon said lands. That continual strip & wast is made upon them which she is unable to prevent That it would be of advantage to said Town & to the public if said lands could be sold, and that she can sell them to more advantage at private sale, than if they should be sold by the collector of taxes.

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that she may be authorised and impowerd to sell and convey away in fee sim-

ple the said estate of her said children, or any part of it, both what they hold in common with the heirs of the said Brigadier Waldo, and what they hold in severalty from said Heirs, and only in common among themselves, your petitioner giving bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk that she will sell them to the best advantage she can — that she will appropriate the monies thence arising to the purposes of educating and bringing up said children, & payment of such taxes as are or may be laid upon said lands before sold: and that she will account with said Judge when required for such sales & expenses & payments, and pay them the remainder of the monies arising thereupon according to his appointment & decree, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Sarah Waldo.

Sept 25, 1778 Recd & committed to ye Com^tee^ on Pet. for Sale of Land The Committee on the within Petition Are of opinion that the Petitioner have liberty to withdraw the petition.

Recommitted April 13, 1779.

The Committee on the Within Petition are of the Opinion the Petitioner have Leave to withdraw her Petition.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives May 3, 1779.

On a Petition of Sarah Waldo Widow of Samuel Waldo late of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland deceased and Guardian to Sally Waldo, Samuel Waldo, John Erving Waldo and Lucy Waldo, the Children of the s^d^ Samuel deceas'd praying for liberty to sell several Lotts of Land in said Falmouth belonging to them upon which they depend for their education & bringing up

Resolved That the prayer of said Petition be so far granted as that the said Sarah Waldo be and she is hereby impowered

to make sale of so many Lotts of unimproved Land in said Falmouth as she shall judge necessary for the purposes aforesaid: not exceeding One Thousand Acres.

She giving Bond to the Judge of Probate for the County aforesaid that the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to the uses above mentioned — And the said Sarah Waldo is further impowered to make & execute Deeds of such Lots accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk[r]

In Council May 3, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives May 3, 1779.

On the Petition of George Stillman in behalf of Capt. Robbins' Company Stationed at Machias the last Summer praying for further Relief.

Resolved that there be paid out of the Public Treasury of this State, the sum of twenty shillings, per month to each non-commissioned Officer & Private Soldier belonging to said Company at their Order in addition to the Establishment on which they were raised.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Pickering Spk[r]

In Council May 3[d] 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

By the Commandant of New York &c

Permission is hereby given to Mr. John Leighton a Naval Prisoner, to pass to Falmouth in Casco Bay in the Flag of

Truce going there, and take with him his Wearing Apparrel to be examined by the Commissary of Prisoners or his Deputy.

Given at New York, the Eighth Day of May one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine.

D. Jones Lt Gen. Commandant, &c

To all whom it may concern

By the Commandant of New York &c

Permission is hereby given to Mr Hale, a Naval Prisoner, on Parole, to pass to Falmouth in Casco Bay & take with him his wearing apparrel and one piece of Callico, one piece of cambrick, one piece of stamp & one piece of Alamode

Given at New York the Eighth Day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine.

D. Jones Lt Col. Commandant &c

To all whom it may concern

L S By Lieutenant General Jones, Commandant of New York

Permission is given to William Tyng Esqr Mrs. Tyng and their two Servants, and Mr. John Martin, to pass with a flag of Truce to Falmouth in Casco Bay in the Schooner Freemason, Thomas Wier, Master, navigated by the s^{d} Thomas Wier and the five hands named in the margin, for the purpose of fetching Mrs. Ross & her family, Mr Jeremiah Potte and his family, the family of Mr John Martin, and the family of Mr Thomas Wier, with their effects to this city. The stores mentioned on the back hereof are for their use on the Voyage.

Given under my hand & Seal in the city of New York the first day of May 1779.

D. Jones Lt Genl

By order of the Commandant

John L C Roome Secry

To all whom it may concern —

Copy examined pr Stephen Hall, Chairman of Committee

By the Commandant of New York &c

Permission is hereby given to John Maccarty, Willm Welcome, Eliphalet Noyes, Eleazer Ingles, Josiah Edes, Stephen Smith & Nathaniel Hilton — Naval Prisoners —to pass to Falmouth, Casco Bay in a Flag of Truce going there — and take with them their Wearing Apparral to be Examined by the Commissary of Prisoners or his Deputy —

Given at New York, the Eighth Day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Nine

D. Jones, Lt Gen. Commandant, &c

To all whom it may concern

Sir

Agreeable to the Desire of the Honble Council Board a state of the Indian Affairs in the Eastern Department with the Situation of the post of Machias & the Eastern Country was Laid befor the Honble Court in April past with a mem^{o} for supplys.

The said Business was referred to a Committee of Both Houses & the whole of the Troops was reported Necessary as allso some supplys which by the Low state of the stores were Diminished far short of what was requested & no way adequate for the purpose — a Resolve immediately passed agreeable to said report. But by the hurry of business, several very necessary matters which respected the perticulars in the said report was not resolved on, as allso several things in the General State, which are necessary to be attended to for the Interest of the State.

As the public Service therefore requires my close attention to business I must request of you to Lay before the Honble

the Council Board the following perticulars, which were in the State of matters before mentioned & is Necessary shoud be accomplished & Determined upon as soon as possible In the Resolve for raising 100 Rangeing Troops & Continuing the Artillery Company under the Command of Lieut. Albee, Their Bounty is not stipulated or ordered, allso money for paying said Bounty, & Commissions for the Officers are Wanting.

The resolve respecting Trading with the Indians Does not point out How the Delinquents is to be prosecuted, and the punishment to be greater, as was requested, as it remains at present, it is Ineffectual for the purpose.

The situation of the Indians on the River Penobscutt on the Behavour of the English Inhabitants in Defending them, & settling forcably upon the Lands Granted by the General Court to said Indians. Shoud nothing be done in this, the Continental Agent Cannot be reprehencible shoud the said Indians join the Enemy in Canada.

A Commissary & Truck Master shoud be Legally appointed for the business. One Hundred Stand of Arms with amunition is wanting for the use of the Militia in several parts, which was Earnestly requested.

The prohibition respecting the Trade with Passamequoddy, so assential to prevent the great Supplys of Lumber Going to the Enemy.

The State of the Militia Eastward of Penobscutt with the Great Embezzlement which has been hitherto practised has not been taken Notice of.

The Supplys Difficient, & what is further wanting Agreeable to the Mem° hereunto Annexed must be procured.

The Honble Board will see from this, the situation of that Department, which is now Invested with Arm'd Vessells.

I beg leave therefore to acquaint the Honble Board, that there will not be more than Twenty five white persons with

the Indians (who Cannot be Depended upon for a regular Defence) for the protection of that Part. From these Circumstances, the Detainer here, & the Want of full supplys for Indians, the most Evil Consequences must be Expected By many of the Indians Leaving us, with the Loss of that Important part, & probable a great part of the Eastern Country as it is beyond doubt many Settlements will give up to the britons shoud an attempt be made.

Having accomplished all such business that Can be done at this Time, I shall Embrace the first fair Wind for Machias.

I am with all possible respect & Esteem Sir, Your most Obd^{t} very hbl. Ser^{vt}

J. Allan

Con^{t} Ag^{t} for Indian Eas^{rn} Dep^{t}

Boston May 8th 1779.

The many British Cruizers which are on the Coast, will make it Precarious & Dangerous & will take up much time in Getting to Machias — will prevent my Sailing of a day or two.

May 9th 1779.

The Hazard Capt. Williams being ready, it is Earnestly requested she might be Ordered some distance Eastward.

Her name would be of great service in Striking a terror on the small Cruizers. The Cargo now on Board the Neashquowait is to Valuable to Loose. The Good qualifications of the Hazard woud prevent danger as to her.

Shoud it happen that the Neashquowait be taken & myself made prisoner, I would recommend that Express Be sent to Capt Stephen Smith, and that he have the management of the Indians, being very well acquainted & Suited to answer the Indians, I left instructions with him on my Departure from Machias.

John Avery Esqr

Dep^{y} Secretary of the State of Massachustts.

Extract from Invoice of Sundry Merchandize &c delivered Lt James Avery for Col^{o} John Allan Commanding Officer at Machias by Order of the Genl Court — Viz: —

War Office, Boston May 11, 1779.

1000 Flints		£ 10
4 Bags Vermillion 1^{lb} each	6 £	24
6 doz. Indian Knives	45/	13.10
600^{lb} Powder	40/	1200.
1500 lead Ball	6/	450
50 Stand of Arms	12£	600
Short charge on 4th Vermillion	48/	9.12

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Joseph Noyes of Falmouth in the County of Cumberland Commissary to the sea Coast men Stationed at Falmouth & Cape Elizabeth pray your Honours to give him a Warrant on the Treasury for one thousand Pounds to enable him to procure provisions &c for said men and as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Joseph Noyes.

Boston May 12th 1779

In Council May 12th 1779. Read & Ordered that a Warrant be drawn on the Treasurer for one thousand Pounds in fav^{r} of Joseph Noyes Esqr for the Purpose mentioned in this Petition.

John Avery D. Secy

by Virtue of a Resolve of the Great & General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay of February 19th 1779, the selectmen of the Town of Berwick have caused the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of said town Duely Qualified

to Vote for Representatives met together to Act upon said Resolve —

Voted: the Honble Benjn Chadbourne Esqr moderator.

The Question being put whether they chuse at this time to have a new Constitution or form of Government made, and it Unanimously pass^{d}, in the Negative being Eighty-two present at said meeting.

Berwick May 17th 1779

Robert Rogers John Hill James Warren Selectmen.

To the Secretary of the State of Masschusetts Bay

These certify that pursuant to a Resolve of the great & General Court of the State of the Massachusetts Bay passed the 20th day of February 1779, in Regard to Forming a New Constitution for said State We have Caused the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Wells qualified according to Law to Vote for Representatives to be lawfully warned to Meet together at the meeting House in the first parish in said Town on Monday the 17th day of May Instant who met accordingly & the Question being put Whether the said Freeholders and Inhabitants Chuse at this Time to have a New Constitution & Form of Government made it passed in the Negative Forty seven Voting against it & Fifteen for it.

Wells May 17th 1779

Attest

Nathl Wells John Wheelwright John Maxell, Barak Morrell Stephen Larrbig Selectmen of Wells.

State of Mass^{a} Bay York May 1779

In compliance with the Resolve of the Gener^{l} Court of the 19th Feby last We have caused the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town duly qualified to Vote for Repre-

sentatives to be duly warn'd to meet together this Day at the Town House here to consider of and Determine whether they choose at this Time to have a New Constitution or Form of Government made &c who accordingly met to the Number of Seventy and after mature consideration and serious Debate the said Question was put to Vote and Unanimously pass'd in the Negative

Dan[l] Moulton Jn[o] Kingsbury Michael Wilson Joseph Sewall
Selectmen of York

To the Hon[ble] Samuel Adams Sec[y] of the State of Mass[a] Bay

Falmouth May 18 : 1779

Sir

The Town of Falm[o] being Duly Warn'd & meet in Town Meeting this Day to Vote on the Question of Adopting a New Form of Government at this Time Voted Yeas 10, Nays 33

We are Your Most Hum S[ts]

Daniel Dole Nath[l] Carll Benj Titwood Richard Codman
Selectmen of the Town Falm[o]

To John Avery Esq[r] D[y] Secretary of the State Massachusetts Bay

Machias May 18th 1779.

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you of my safe Arrival at this place about 10 o'clock this Day, with the arm'd Schooner Neashquowait and her Cargo in Good order. From the Vigilent attention to the business by Captain Smith & the other Gentlemen I left with him, I have the pleasure to Acquaint the Honble Board that the Indians in the Eastern Depart-

ment, have Continued Quiet & Easy Expecting a Priest & other Necessary Supplys,

The Honble Board Cannot be unacquainted with how ill I am Supply'd with the Letter to discharge my duty & which I presume will be a sufficient Inducement for them to have Every matter required furnished & sent with all Expedition.

The Britons are still pursuing every measure respecting the Indians & Every possible means are puting in Execution for the purpose. I trust I have Sufficiently Communicated to their Honors the probable Consequences which may arise shou'd not a Suitable attention be paid to this Department, and I have further to Acquaint them that some matters I have often warned them of has Taken place:

I did not intend to have wrote, but by the Neashquowoit who I intend shall sail the beginning of Next Week, But an affair of some importance having taken place a few days ago, makes it necessary that I shoud send Express immediately.

Accordingly you have herewith Intelligence received from Penobscot which I shall leave to their Honors Discretion. However True or what is intended by the Britains, I shall not determin, But Certain it is the messengers has been, with the Belt & strings of Wampum, and the whole of the Indians are in a flutter and the distress of the unhappy Inhabitants is Deplorable.

I find myself surrounded upon every Quarter & nothing within to Defend the Cruizers on the Coast, the Enemy posted at Two places on St. John's River, & the Indians & Torys (the same as Butler at Susquahanah) on our Backs, the Inhabitants Miserable & Starving, But Twenty Men to Guard the place, a Number of beings to manage who requires Ten Times more then I can Give them, the Judicious world must View the Situation with Compassion.

It may be rely'd upon that without the Interposition of Providence that this Country will fall a pray as at Susqua-

hannah, those coming from Canada are Desperadoes & Cares nothing how things go, only to Glutt their malice and pride.

I allso send you herewith the state of Nova Scotia as I Received it from some Trusty persons sent there for the purpose.

I have further to acquaint the Honble Board, that the Toleration & Permission given so liberally for people to settle their Business and Remove their Effects from Nova Scotia has Terminated in an open Trade, & That a plan is without any manner of Doubt on foot to Turn the greatest part of the business Eastward to Nova Scotia. Several familys has Left this for Passamequoddy & some to St. John's & the leading people seems to Defy all authority.

On the other hand, those who resides at Passamequoddy friends to Amarica & who has been a great means in keeping the Indians from going to the enemy by supplying them with provisions are Treated in the most barbarous manner, the Small Cruizers & whale Boats goes there & seases every thing that they find ashore & on Board. I beg for the Honor of the Country, & the real Interest of the States that restraint may be Laid, to prevent this Conduct.

I rely the Honble Court will have matters so ordered as that the Schooner may not be delay'd on her arrival at Boston.

I have the Honor to Be with profound respect, y^r Honors most ob^d & Devoted Hbl Ser^ts

J. Allan

I must pray the matter may Be Transmitted to Congress.

The Honble Jeremiah Powell, Esqr

Persuant to a Resolution of the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay Passed Feby 19th 1779, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Kittery were

assembled when the Question was put whether they chose at this time to have a new Constitution or form of Government made when it passed in the Negative forty-two Persons being against it none for it.

Sam^{ll} Weeks Joseph Cutts Samuel Leighton Nicholas Spinney Japhet Emery

Selectmen of Kittery

Kittery May ye 18th 1779

To John Avery Esqr Dept. Secy State Massachusetts Bay

Falm^{o} 19, May 1779

The Committee of Safety &c. for ye Town of Falmouth beg leave to acquaint the Honble Council that a Flag of Truce from New York, Thos Wyer an Absentee Commander, yesterday arrived in this Harbour, for ye purpose of carrying off a number of Families lately permitted by ye Genl Court to depart this State, not to return again. There are on board ye Flag besides ye Master & Marriners, Wm Tyng Esqr an Absentee & Lady & Captn Martyn. The Flag desire to carry with them in addition to ye persons permitted Mrs. Ross, Mother to Mrs. Tyng, again to return to this State. The purpose of her going is to secure to her Daughter, Mrs. Tyng, an Estate she has in Scotland. She is then to return to this State her self, & secure what ever she has here; And upon ye whole to secure whatever she, or rather Mr. Tyng, who has married her only Child, has both here & in Scotland.

In ye above Flag came a very considerable number of Letters, some sealed & some unsealed. The Committee have inspected them. The Contents not very important: except that from ye general Tenor of them it appears that considerable Correspondence & some trade is carryed on between some Inhabitants of this State & ye Enemy. For which reason we have forwarded a number to your Honors: one in special

giving an Account of ye arrival of Thos Boylstone in England.

The Committee have ordered the Flag under ye Guns of ye Fort; where she will remain till your Honors pleasure concerning her is known.

By Order of the Committee
Stephen Hall, Chairman

To The Secretary of The State of the Massachusetts Bay

In pursuant To a Resolve of the Great and General Court of this State of the 19 of february 1779 We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Gorham have agreeable to Said Resolve Caused The Inhabitants of Gorham to be Lawful Warned To meet Together To act on articles agreeable to Said Resolve They accordingly meet. The Number at said meeting was thirty-Two. The first question in said Resolve being put it passed in the Negative The whole Number present were unanimous.

Gorham May 21, 1779

Andrew Crockit James Gilkey
Selectmen of Gorham

These Certify that having married the Widow of the late Jotham Moulton Esqr Sheriff of the County of York, Dec^{d} which Widow being one of the admin^{s} on the said Dec^{d} Estate & has all the Papers relating thereto I have had Opportunity of Perusing the same, and upon a Diligent Search cant find among them any Execution Issued in the Name of the former Treasurer, Mr. Harrison Gray against Mr Joseph Bragdon late one of the Constables of this Town

Saml Nason

York May 22^{d} 1779.

State of Mass^{a} Bay
York SS. May 22^{d} 1779. Mr Saml Nason who Sign'd the above Certificate personally appearing Solemnly made Oath to the truth of the same.

Before me
Danl Moulton
Justice of the Peace.

To the Secretary of the State of Massachusetts Bay
Sir,

in obedience to the Resolve of the General Court of Feby the 19th We have Caused the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fryeburg Qualifyed to vote for Representatives regularly assembled When ther was Eight for a Constitution or form of Government being Made at this time, and Nine against it.

Moses Ames Simon Frye
Selectmen of Fryeburg

Fryeburg May 26th 1779.

To the Honor^{le} Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay — Humbly Sheweth

that whereas the Subscriber being Commissioned By the Honor^{le} Council of said State in the Year one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six to act as First Lieu^{t} in the Ninth Company in the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of York inasmuch therefore as I for some time past have Been Deprived of my Health so far as rendering me Incapable of Discharging the Duties of said office — and think it my Duty to Resign to Your Honours the Trust so

Reposed in me and do hereby make a Resignation thereof and am your Honours most obedient Hum^{ble} Servt

William Lewis

Kittery May 27th 1779.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Second Parish in Falmouth held at the Meeting House in s^{d} Parish on Tuesday 27th April 1779, Deacon Nathan Noyes was chosen Moderator.

Voted that this Parish be Sot of as a Separate Town.

Voted Messrs. Humphrey Merrill Saml Cobb, Joseph Thrasher, Sam^{ll} Noyes & James Merrill be a Committee to transact the Business of the Day. Mr Jabes Jones Enter'd his Desent against the Business of the Day.

A True Coppy from the Records Joseph Thrasher P. Clerk.

Falm^{o} 27th May 1779.

the above Meeting was wholy on the Business that is Specifyed above.

To the Honorable the Council, and to the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, in New England.

The Petition of a Committee of the Second Parish in Falmouth, in the County of Cumberland & State aforesaid, in behalf of said Parish, Humbly Sheweth. That said Parish consisteth of more than one hundred Families, exclusive of widows all which Families, four excepted, are more than six miles distant from the Meeting House in the first Parish in said Town, where the Meetings for transacting town Business are usually held — and more than one-half the Inhabitants of said Second Parish, are more than Eight miles distant

from the Place of holding the meetings for said town Business.

By reason of which Distance the Inhabitants of said second Parish are subjected to very great Inconveniences,— and in some parts of the Season, to almost insuperable Difficulties, in attending the Meetings for transacting the Business of said Town.

Your Petitioners, therefore, not actuated by the low ambition of swelling their Parish into a Town — not impelled by the sordid Principle of Self Interest; to ease themselves or Constituents of any publick Burden — nor influenced by a Disaffection to their Brethren of the other Parishes in this Town — but solely from a desire of enjoying only equal Priviledges with the rest of the Inhabitants of this Town, and such as have been freely granted to other of their fellow subjects of this State in like Circumstances with themselves are induced, humbly to lay their Case before this Honorable Court,— Praying your Honours, to take the Situation of the said second Parish in Falmouth, with respect to the First, and the Difficulties consequent thereon, as suggested above, under Consideration; and to order us such Relief, as your Wisdom and Equity may direct — viz: by setting off the said Second Parish in Falmouth (by the same Meets & Bounds by which it has been already described) from the first & Third Parishes in said Town, a distinct Town or District; invest with the same Rights, Liberties & Priviledges that are granted to other Towns or Districts in this State. And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray.

Humphrey Merrill Samll Cobb Samll Noyes James Merrill
Joseph Thrasher

Committee on behalf of the Second Parish in Falmouth

Falmouth 2nd Parish May 27th 1779

In Council Sept 15, 1779

Read & Ordered. That Edward Cutts, Esqr with such as

the Honble House shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration this Petition & Answer thereto — to hear the Parties who are present & report what may be proper to be done thereon.

Sent down for Concurrence.

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives, Sept 15, 1779.

Read & Concurred & Mr Cranch & Coll. Reed are join'd

John Hancock Spk^r^

War Office Boston 29 May 1779.

Wm Frost Esqr of Falm^o^

Sir

Your favor 24th Ins^t^ we have received and find upon examination that the Facts there set forth are true. We shall as you deserve send you pr the first conveyance, one Barrel of our best Pork which we hope will be agreeable — the remaining Twenty five pounds pork we must pay for in money at the Current price.

We are very sorry this matter has been so long delayed, but the hurry of office and the almost constant scarceness of that Article in the public magazine must be our apology.

We are &c By order of ye Board

Saml Pps. Savage Pres^t^

In the House of Representatives May 29th 1779

Ordered That Capt Batcheldor, Maj^r^ Washburn & Mr Phillips of Andover, with such as the Honorable Board shall join be a Committee to take into Consideration of the Letter from the Committee of Falmouth purporting the arrival of one

Capt Wyer, in a pretended Flag of Truce, with the Papers accompanying said Letter — & report.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council May 29, 1779 Read & Concurred and William Tever and Aaron Wood Esq[r] are joined.

John Avery D Secy

To the Honor[ble] the Council & the House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusets Bay

We the Subscribers with due Submission beg leave to Exhibit to your Honours this our Petition to intreat Your Honours to Consider our Case & if Consistant to grant our Request

We severally have been honoured with Commissions & imployments from your Honours under Col[o] John Allan Continental Agent & Superintendant for Indian affairs Eastern Department we have & always will be duly Sencible of the Honour Confer'd on us and have for two years Past indeavor[d] to the utmost of our ability to discharge the Duty we owe our Country & in Obeying & Executing the orders of our Commanding officers in our Several Stations

With Gratitude we acknowledge to have Receiv[d] as a Recompence for our Services the pay Stipulated and Established by Congress without the Emoluments such as Cloathing & advance pay Granted to the officers of the Continental Army, we beg leave farther to observe that this pay owing chiefly to the Depreceation of our Currency is become quite inadequate & insufficient being stationed in a Country of Scarsety of Course every article of Necessity Exorbitantly deare so that we are almost unable to Subsist and it is impossible for us to support the dignity of our Ranks & Stations we herefore pray

That after due Consideraton of these Circumstances Provision may be made for us.

That our pay may be advanced & Clothing Granted us at the Stipulated prices for the army.

And that we may share in every emolument and benefit Granted to our Brother officers in the Service of the united States as we share in every difficulty and danger which we brave & are determin^{d} to Support.

With becoming Patience Resolution and fortitude to the Best of our ability and as in duty Bound we Shall ever pray

Machias May 29th 1779

John Preble Capt Ind. Lew^{t} Fred^{k} De Lesdernier Lieu^{t} of Ind Ja^{s} Avery, Lieut. of Ind^{s} Wm Albee Lieut. of Artillery Robert Foster Quarter Master

These may Certify that the Gentlemen above Signed has Been for Some time Past in the Service of the United States, and upon all Occations Discharged their Duty with Honour and it is best to Observe the Difficultys & Distresses they have Sustain'd in the Depreciation of the Money, tho pursueing the Greatest Economy posible with their Situations

J Allan Con^{t} Ag^{t} I. E. D^{t}

State of Massachusetts Bay

To the honorable Council of said State

The petition of Elizabeth Ross of Gorham in the county of Cumberland Widow humbly Shews:

That her Son in law William Tyng Esqr with his wife your petitioners daughter arrived in the harbour of Falmouth on the eighteenth day of May current in a flagg of Truce from New York commanded by Capt Thomas Wyer whose credentials your Petitioner understands are to be transmitted to Council & supposes your honors have received, or soon

will. That by a letter from her friend in Scotland received by her son, for her, some time ago, which he has now brought, and from his information, she finds that her real estate in Scotland not only is likely to be of no income to her, but to be wholly lost, unless she takes some speedy steps to put the management of it into other hands than it is at present — that in the present situation of public affairs no power or papers to be sent directly from hence to Scotland would be there esteemed properly as authenticatul; But that if she would be permitted to go in this flagg to New York there to tarry three or four months, till she could send over a power of attorney and other papers necessary she would most probably be able to save that Estate, which if properly managed & duly accounted for, she thinks, would be very valuable; wherefore, and as this flagg is come in part to carry her to New York (with leave from your honors) She humbly prays your honors to grant her leave to go thither for the said purpose; & there to tarry three or four months and to return again to this State as soon as she conveniently can after said business is accomplished — and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Eliz Ross

The Com̄ of both houses appointed to Consider the letter from the Com̄ of Falmouth, with the papers accompanying, having considered the Same, report the following Resolves, which are Submitted

W. Tever pr order.

Resolved that the Council of this State be & hereby are requested to take Effectual care that the vessel commanded by Capt Wyer, which lately arrived at Falmouth as a flag of truce from New York, be directed, as soon as may be, to depart with the several persons, who, by a Resolve of the

General Assembly of this State, have been permitted to go to New York

And that the Council be also requested to direct the Commissary of prisoners within this State to Inform the British Commissaries of prisoners at New York, Nova Scotia & Newport that in future, no flags from thence will be permitted to come to any port within this State, except the port of Boston, and addressed to the Supreme executive Authority, commanding officers of the Continental troops or Commissary of Prisoners within this State.

Resolved that Elizabeth Ross be and she is hereby permitted to depart this State for New York in the flag of truce commanded by Capt Wyer, with her Effects; & that she be not permitted to return, without leave obtained from the Genl Assembly, or, in the recess from the Council of this State.

In Council June 2^{d} 1779

Read & Accepted Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives June 2^{d} 1779

Read & Concurr'd

John Hancock, Spk^{r}

State of Mass^{a} Bay

In the House of Representatives June 2^{d} 1779.

Resolved that the Honble Henry Gardner Esqr Treas^{r} Receive of the Committee of the State Lottery any money said Committee have on hand, or any they may Take for State Tickets untill the Fifth Day of June in^{c}

Sent up for Concurrence.

John Hancock Spkr.

In Council June 2^{d} 1779.

Read & Concurr'd John Avery D. Secy

The Committee of both houses appointed to take into Consideration the Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Sanford and the papers accompanying the same hear the parties and report what is proper to be done thereon — Have fully heard the parties and Observe that the Bills for incorporating the Towns of Sanford & Coxhall Intercept a valuable part of each other's Grant; That each of s^d^ Towns contain a great Quantity of broken Land unfit for Settlements, and that if they continue Seperate Towns it is very probable the prop^rs^ & Inhabitants may be incumbered with Expensive Disputes about their property. The Committee are therefore fully of the opinion that it will be for the Interest of the Town of Sanford & Coxhall to be incorporated into one Town, by the name of Alfred, which name your Com^tee^ have been informed would be very pleasing to many of the Inhabitants. Which is submitted —

Oliver Prescott p^r^ ord^r^.

In Council June 4th 1779 Read & Not Accepted

Sent down for Concurrence, Jno Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1779 Read & nonconcurred & Ordered to be recommitted

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council June 5, 1779. Read & Concurred and thereupon Ordered That Artemas Ward Esqr be of the Committee in the Room of Oliver Prescott Esqr Absent.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1779 Read & Concurred John Hancock Spk^r^

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council June 5th 1779

The Committee of both Houses appointed to take into Consideration the Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of

Sanford & the papers accompanying the same hear the parties & report what is proper to be done thereon have attended the service assigned them and are of Opinion that the Operation of the Act Incorporating Coxhall be still Suspended & that a Committee be appointed by the General Court to Repair to Sanford & Coxhall & view the same & report to the General Court in what manner Coxhall ought to be incorporated that is to say whether any of the land now included within the bounds of Sanford ought to be Incorporated with Coxhall the Expence to be borne as the General Court shall hereafter order. The Committee that shall be appointed notify the Town of Sandford & Proprietors of Coxhall of the time & place of their meeting at least thirty days before the day of their meeting

Sent down for Concurrence

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1779

Read & Concurred, And thereupon

Ordered that Capt. Bragdon & Coll^{o} Prime with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 5th 1779

Read & Concurred & Charles Chauncey Esqr is joined

John Avery D. Secy

Consented to by the Major part of the Council

In Council Sepr 10th 1779: Ordered that Edward Cutts Esqr be of the Committee for the Purpose mentioned in this Resolve in the Room of Charles Chauncey Esqr is Resigned.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives, Sepr 11th 1779.

Read & Concurred John Hancock Spkr

True Copy Attest John Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1779

Order'd That Coll. Prime be of the Committee on the Petition of the Selectmen of Sandford in the room of Maj^{r} Cross absent.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 5, 1779. Read & Concurred.

John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council June 5th 1779

The Committee of both Houses appointed to take into Consideration the Petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Sanford & the papers accompanying the same hear the parties & report what is proper to be done thereon have attended the Service assigned them & are of opinion that the operation of the act Incorporating Coxhall be still suspended & that a Comittee be appointed by the General Court to Repair to Sanford & Coxhall & view the same & Report to the General Court in what Manner Coxhall ought to be incorporated that is to say whether any of the land now included within the bounds of Sanford ought to be Incorporated with Coxhall the Expence to be borne as the General Court shall hereafter order. The Committee that shall be appointed notify the Town of Sandford & Proprietors of Coxhall of the time & place of their meeting at least thirty days before the day of their meeting.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D. S^{y}

In the House of Representatives June 5, 1779. Read & Concurred — & thereupon

Ordered that Capt Bragdon & Coll^{o} Prime with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee for the purpose aforesaid

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 5th 1779 Read & Concurred & Charles Chauncey Esqr is joined. John Avery D. Secy.

Consented to by the Major part of the Council.

A true Copy Attest John Avery D. Secy.

In Council Sept 10th 1779 Ordered that Edward Cutts Esqr be of the Committee for the purpose mentioned in this Resolve in the Room of Charles Chauncey Esqr resigned.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives Sept. 11, 1779. Read & Concurred. John Hancock Spkr

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council June 9th 1779.

Read & Ordered that the Resignation of Capt. William Lewis be & hereby is accepted, and thereupon Ordered That Colo Ichabod Goodwin of the second Regiment of Militia in the County of York be & he hereby is directed to cause the Ninth Company in his Regiment together with the Alarm List within the Limits of the same to meet together & make Choice of a First Lieutenant in the room of Lieut William Lewis who has leave from this Board to resign his Commission and to fill up such Vacancies as shall arise from said Resignation and he is further required to see that the Choice is made according to the Directions of the Militia Law and duly certified to the Secretary of this State.

Attest Jno Avery D. Secy

To the Honorle the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

the Commission which I Received from the Honorable Council in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and sev-

enty-six — authorizing me to act as Captain of the ninth Company in the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of York, the Duties of which Office I have in some measure Discharged Notwithstanding the present Cruel war has made the burden Exceeding Great to me — as I have Injoyed but a small Share of health for a long time. I should willingly further do the duties of my said Station did not Increasing Infirmities Prevent — so must beg leave to Resign to Your Honors my said office, and do accordingly make a Resignation of it to you. I am your Honours most obedient Humble Servt.

Samuel Weeks.

Kittery, June 4, 1779

State of Massachusetts Bay &c

In Council June 9th 1779.

Read & Order'd that the Resignation of Capt. Samuel Weeks be & hereby is accepted and thereupon Ordered that Colo Ichabod Goodwin of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of York be & he hereby is directed to Cause the ninth Company in his regiment together with the Alarm List within the limits of the same to meet together & make Choice of a Captain in the room of Capt Samuel Weeks who has leave from this Board to resign his Commission and to fill up such Vacancies as shall arise from said Resignation and he is further required to see that the Choice is made according to the Directions of the Militia Law and duly certified to the Secretary of this State.

Attest

Jno Avery D. Secy

To the Honble the Council, and the Honble the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay, in General Court assembled.

This Petition Humbly sheweth, that by some mistake the

Town of Cape Elizabeth is returned as having Four Hundred & two polls in the State Valuation, which is one Hundred more than there is in said Town, which will appear by the Original List, taken by order of the Honble Court by the Assessors of said Town, in the Year 1778, which is herewith exhibited, which mistake we apprehend greatly augments our proportion of the publick charge, both in the Taxes already paid and passed to the Credit of said Town; and in the future till another Valuation is taken, And although there appears a chearfullness in the Town to pay their Just Quota to Support the countrys cause, Yet our inability is such by reason of our Fishery & Navigations failing that to pay more than our Just proportion will soon render us incapable of paying any. Wherefore pray your Honors will take the matter into your wise Consideration and order the mistake to be Rectified and the Just Surplus passed to our Credit, if in Your Great Wisdom Shall think it Just. And as in Duty bound your petitioners Shall ever pray &c.

Cape Elizabeth June 9th 1779

George Strout Clement Jordan George Deake

Selectmen for Cape Elizabeth

Cumberland S S. Falmouth June 5th 1778, the within named Samuel Jordan Junr being cautioned to declare the whole Truth made Oath to the truth of the within Deposition by him signed, taken to be used in an action of Trover to be heard and tryed at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be held at Boston in and for the County of Suffolk on the second Tuesday of June next wherein John Underwood & others of Kittery are Plaintiffs & Ivory Hovey of Berwick, in the County of York, Physician & others are Defendants, taken at the Request of the said Hovey, the said Deponent

Living more than thirty miles from Boston and the said Defendant living more than twenty miles from Falmouth the place of Caption was not notified

Coram Enoch Freeman
Justice of the Peace.

True Copy Examined p^{r} Enoch Freeman
Justice of the Peace.

The Deposition of Samuel Jordan Junr of Lawful age testifieth and Saith that living at Union River near Captain Bates Wharfe, where the Sloop Advance was brought the last of Novem^{r}, 1775, and Secured, I well remember of seeing her from time to time for the space of six months laying safe & well secured near ye Wharfe, but by what accident she went adrift I know not, the Sloop was the Sloop taken by Philip Hodgkins — and further saith not.

Saml Jordan Junr

true copy Examined p^{r} Enoch Freeman
Justice of the Peace.

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled — Or, in their Recess, To the Honble Council of said State —

The Petition of Ivory Hovey of Berwick, in the County of York, Physician, in Behalfe of Himself, Samuel Jordan Esqr & Thomas Milliken of Union River, in the County of Lincoln, and others in said County Humbly Sheweth

That in the Year 1775, soon after the Commencement of the present War, a Number of disaffected Persons belonging to the Eastern Part of Massachusetts Bay endeavored to supply the Enemy with Lumber &c. in the Town of Boston — That, at that Time, no Maritime Courts had been established by Government. It was, however, thought highly necessary

to prevent a practice so injurious to the Community and so highly beneficial to the Enemy. For this Purpose the General Court appointed a Committee, in the County of Lincoln, consisting of upwards of Twenty Persons, who were vested with Power, to enquire into, hear & determine all Matters relative to any Vessels supposed to have been employed in Supplying the Enemy — and appointed the said Samuel Jordan Esqr chairman and your Petitioner Clerk of said Committee.

That a Commission was made out accordingly. In Consequence whereof a Number of Vessels which had been employed in carrying Supplies to the Enemy at Boston were Seized. among others was one belonging to Capt. Underwood of Kittery and Commanded by one Nehemiah Eastman a Person notoriously inimical to his Country, who has since joined and is now with the Enemy, if living.

After the Committee had made the necessary Examinations and find that she had not only been trading to Boston with Wood and Provisions the Greater part of the Summer but had contracted to go there again, and, in her last Voyage, had been employed in transporting some Ammunition up the Bay (as represented in the Comittee's Report, a Copy of which is herewith presented) they directed that the Cargo and Appurtenances should be stored & the Vessel made Secure — at the same Time appointing the said Jordan Milliken and your Petitioner a Sub-Committee for that Purpose. Accordingly after She had been down the River to transport a small Quantity of Salt for the Use of the Inhabitants to which those of the Committee then present consented & in which small Voyage She received no Damage, She was made Secure at a Wharf & the Cargo & Appurtenances were stored agreeable to the Committees Direction.

As your Petitioner had determined to enter into the Continental Service the better to facilitate his Intentions He had

let out his Interest for three Years — without the least Expectation of returning to Union River until the Expiration of that Term and left that Place on or about the 3rd Day of Decr 1775, at which Time he is able fully to prove, if necessary, that the aforesaid Vessel was there safe and secure and in as good a condition as when he first saw Her, and Supposed Himself by no Means Answerable for any Accident, as he had faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in him by the Committee.

Your Petitioner being chosen by the Committee to make Report of their Proceedings to the General Court waited on them for that Purpose in the Month of January 1776, and Delivered an Account of the whole of their Proceedings relative not only to the aforesaid Vessel but also to other Transactions of said Committee, to Dr Taylor or Mr Hopkins who were of the Comittee appointed to receive said Report. Your Petitioner having waited several Days that He might have Opportunity to hear their Opinion of the Eastern Committee's Proceedings then requested one of the aforesaid Gentlemen to make their Report that He might be discharged. He was told that it was wholly unnecessary for Him to tarry any longer as He might depend on the Courts Approbation respecting the whole of the Committee's Proceedings. Accordingly, having communicated by Letter an Account of his whole Proceedings to the Chairman and acquainted Him with the Court's Resolution upon their Report, He took Leave of the Committee, entered into the Continental Service, in which He has since continued, and never expected to hear any Thing further of the Matter.

But to his great Surprize, about the 8th of April 1778 (as He was on his Journey from Camp at Valley Forge) Between Boston and Salem He met Samuel Jordan Esqr by whom He was informed that in the Month of June or July 1776, by some Accident the Sloop Advance had broke her

Fast, went adrift and bilged — that Capt. Underwood had petitioned the Court for her Restoration, which was refused — that Hotchkins, who was the Captor, had obtained Leave to libel Her in the Maritime Court but, in Consequence of an Agreement made between Him and Underwood, did not think proper to prosecute his Libel — and that one Nathan Jones having obtained a Power from Capt. Underwood had made a Demand of it from Him, the said Jordan, and that He replied that He had no Authority to deliver it except by Order of the General Court. Whereupon He had commenced an Action against the said Jordan, Mr Milliken & your Petitioner and the principal Part of your Petitioner's Interest was attached by the Officer, that Jones had got Possession of his Cattle which He had converted to his own Use — and the Persons to whom He had leased his Estate in the County of Lincoln had been subjected to great Inconvenience and Cost.

Your Petitioner thereupon presented a Memorial to the Court who were pleased to order a Suspension of the Prosecution of the Action until their further Orders and at the Same time an Order was granted for the Return of the Cattle which had been attached by the Officer — Upon which your Petitioner proceeded to Frenchman's Bay, upwards of Two Hundred Miles distant from Boston, and waited on Jones with said Order & made a Demand of his Cattle in Presence of Thomas Milliken & Samuel Jordan Jr And although Jones acknowledged that they were in his Custody and had been attached in Consequence of the aforesaid Action, yet He refused to deliver them (unless your Petitioner would tarry until Mr Underwood's Consent could be obtained, which could not be effected in less Time than Two Months, as He lived more than Two Hundred Miles distant) of the private Accounts which were then open between Him and the said Jones — which being examined the Ballance

appeared in Jones' Favor about £4 — which your Petitioner then tendered (not Having his own Account with Him) but Jones refused to accept the Money. He thereupon tendered the whole Amount of Jones' Account, which He likewise refused, but at the same Time engaged not to give your Petitioner any Trouble respecting it & agreed that the Accounts should be put into the Hands of Mr Milliken (then present) to be adjusted at a future Day. But, to his great Surprize, the very next Morning Mr William Tupper, the Deputy Sheriff who had made the former Attachment came to your Petitioner's House and presented a Writ upon the very Account which had been examined the preceding Day, and which your Petitioner knows to have been the same by the addition of a particular Charge therein which He made with his own Hand, with an Indorsement on the same Writ that he had attached the before mentioned Cattle not less than three months before by Virtue thereof, Your Petitioner thereupon tendered the Money to the officer but he likewise refused to accept it and at the same time said he had Jones' Order therefor with his Obligation to save him harmless from any Damage that might accrue in Consequence thereof & observed that He was determined to pay a Strict Obedience to Jones's Direction. Having left a Copy of the Writ He returned to Jones and your Petitioner agreed with a Person to appear for Him at Court, Satisfy the Account & represent the whole of the Officer's Conduct to the High Sheriff — but the officer came the next Day and appeared desirous to Settle the Affair saying Jones had consented to receive the Money, which your Petitioner agreed to pay on Condition that he would deliver a Copy of the Obligation which Jones had given Him with a Certificate that the Cattle were really taken by Virtue of the Action commenced on Account of the Sloop — with which He readily complied. Your Petitioner thereupon presented Him with your Honor's Order for

a Delivery of His Cattle but the Officer said it was impossible for Him to comply with it as they were in Jones' Possession who refused to deliver them.

In the Month of June following your Petitioner represented the whole of these Matters to your Honors when you were pleased to grant Him an Order for taking 'his property of every Kind taken by the said Jones or by the said Tupper or by any other Person under the Direction of the said Jones &c.' & at the same Time directed the Sheriff of the County of Lincoln to take the said Jones & Tupper into Custody & bring them before the General Court.

A duplicate of the foregoing Order your Petitioner sent to the Gentlemen who have the Care of the Estate at the Eastward & having left a Petition for an Allowance of His necessary expences &c together with all the Evidences respecting Jones's & the Officers Refusal to Comply with the Order of Court in the Hands of Mr Hopkins, he repaired immediately to Camp — not doubting but Jones would be directed on being brought before the Court to pay all the Expences which had necessarily arose in consequence of the Action, of his waiting on Him with the Order of Court and his procuring Evidences &c.

Your Petitioner has, however, lately been informed that being brought before the Assembly He declared the Cattle were not taken in Consequence of the Action Commenced on Account of the Sloop Advance and that He had Settled the Matter entirely to your Petitioner's Satisfaction, which Assertion was an absolute Falshood as your Petitioner has never seen Him since. He presented Him with the first Order of Court, whereupon He was liberated without receiving Orders to make your Petitioner any Satisfaction for his extraordinary Trouble and Expences which had necessarily accrued in Consequence of said litigious Action, and your Petitioner is also informed that by some Mistake it has so

happened that the above mentioned Action has been re-entered in the Inferior Court of the County of Suffolk and Judgment obtained against Him — He supposes without any Defence having been made on the Part of either of the Defendants, as Nothing was more foreign to his Expectations than that it would be revived, being confident it could not be done without the Consent of the General Court & not less confident that they would never give their Consent as not only the whole Comittee was concerned therein but the House who constituted them.

Your Petitioner doubts not the Disposition of the Honble Court to cause ample Justice to be done to every Subject of the State — this is a Matter of much Importance to them and they rely on your Honor's Candor to excuse the Length of their Petition. The other Gentlemen, who were Defendants, being at a great Distance, He supposes his Estate will be liable for the whole Amount of the Judgment of Court, which has been obtained in Consequence of an Action commenced by a man notoriously inimical to the Independence of America & which He conceives to have been utterly inconsistent with Justice & Equity. He therefore prays that Orders may issue for staying the Execution on the aforesaid Judgment of Court and the said Action entirely prohibited. He also prays that He may have Orders for Payment of the Damages he has sustained.

As your Petitioners have never received any Reward for all their Time and Expences in transacting Business when called on, agreeable to their Commission, they beg Leave also to lay an Account thereof before your Honors & pray for such an Allowance of the whole as your Honors in your Wisdom shall think proper.

The above named Samuel Jordan and Thomas Milliken living at a great Distance and being unable to attend upon the Honorable Assembly they have requested your Petitioner

to lay these Circumstances before them & for that Purpose have given Him a written Power — To effect which He has obtained a short Furlough from the Comanding Officer. His Attendance being very expensive and He under the Necessity of making a speedy Return to Camp He therefore prays your Honors would come to a Determination as soon as may be on his Petition and cause Justice to be done in the Premises.

And as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

Ivory Hovey

In the House of Representatives June 7, 1779

Read & thereupon Ordered That Mr. Fessenden Mr Nash & Mr. Lewis with such as ye Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same, & report.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council June 7, 1779.

Read & Concurred and Timothy Danielson and Joseph Simpson Esqr are joined. John Avery D. Secy

State of the Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 1779

on the petition of Stephen Eldrage praying that he might have liberty to go to Nova Scotia and bring his Effects into this State

Resolved that Stephen Eldrage be permitted to take passage in the schooner Kingfisher Capt. Rider Commander and go to Nova Scotia and Bring his Effects into this State and all masters of armed vessels in the Service of the United States or either of them excepting this State are desired not to molest or hinder the said Stephen Eldrage in his passage and all masters of armed vessels in the service of the States are directed not to molest or hinder the aforesaid Stephen

Eldrage in his passage from hence and in his Return back again to this State provided he Returns within six months.

In Council June 8th 1779

Read & Sent down John Avery D Secy

The Committee appointed on the Petition of Ivory Hovey and others a Committee in the County of Lincoln commissioned by the General Court to inquire into, hear and determine all matters relative to any Vessels supposed to have been employed in Supplying the Enemy of which Samuel Jordan Esqr was chairman have considered the same and Report as follows —

Resolvd That the Sum of Seven hundred & Three pounds five Shillings and Six pence be paid out of the Treasury of this State to Ivory Hovey to Satisfy the Judgment obtained against him as one of the said Committee by John Underwood for his retaining the Sloop Advance, by order of the General Court as Damage & Cost, and the said Ivory Hovey or some other of the said Comittee are hereby directed to make an Inventory of all the appurtenances saved from the Sloop Advance, and that did belong thereto, under Oath, and deliver the Same with the aforesaid appurtenances to the Board of War previous to the said sum of seven hundred & three pounds 5/6 being paid to the said Hovey that the State may receive the benefit Thereof, and the said Committee are hereby directed to exhibit their particular Account for Time and Expence necessarily spent and advanced in and about the Execution of their said Commission to this Court for allowance and payment.

In Council June 8th 1779

Read & Sent down John Avery D. Secy

Gen Lovell Mr Fessenden Genl Farley

June 8, 1779.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 9, 1779

On the petition of Ivory Hovey in favor of himselfe and others a Committee in the County of Lincoln (Commissioned by the Gen[l] Court) to enquire into, hear & determine all matters relitive to any Vessels supposed to have been employd in Supplying the Enemy, of which Samuel Jordan Esq[r] was forman, & have Considered the same and report as follows.

Resolved that the sum of Seven Hundred & three Pounds, five shillings and Six pence, be paid out of the Treasury of this State to Ivory Hovey to satisfy the Judgment obtaind against him as one of the said Committee by John Underwood for his detaining the Sloop Advance, by order of the General Court, as damages and cost, and Samuel Jordan Esq[r] is hereby directed to make an Invantory of all the appurtenance Saved from the Sloop Advance and that Did belonge thereto, and when so Invantoryed, to make Sail of the same for the most it will fetch by public auction, observing the rules of law in that case provided — and Exhibit an Act of the proceeds of the Sale of said appurtenances, with said Committees Ac[t] of Time and Expence to this Court for ajustment, within three months from the date of this Resolve.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council June 10th 1779

Read & Concurred Warrant drawn this Day

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives June 10th 1779

On the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Second Parish in the Town of Falmouth, in the County of Cumberland, Praying to be set off from the first and third Parishes in said Town and made a Distinct Town or District

Resolved that the Prayer of said Petition be so far granted, As that the Town of Falmouth may be notified by serving the Town Clerk with an Attested Copy of said Petition with this Order of Court thereon, at least Fifteen Days before the Second Wednesday of the Next Setting of this Court, that they may Shew Cause if any, they have on said Day why the Prayer of said Petition Should not be Granted.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council June 10, 1779

Read & Concurred John Avery D. Secy.

To the Honorable the Great & General court of the State of Massachusetts Bay in General Court assembled June 1779.

The Petition of Mary Perham wife of Samuel Perham of Newcastle in the County of Lincoln, Humbly Sheweth:—

That the said Samuel Perham in January 1777 inlisted in to the continental army as a Soldier for the said town of Newcastle, that he has continued in the army ever since, in the regiment lately commanded by Edward Wigglesworth Esqr & in the company lately commanded by Israel Davis. That your petitioner has six children and is drove to the greatest extremity & unable to support them. That she has at several times tenderd to the Selectmen & Committee of said Newcastle money amounting to half her husband's wages to be supplied agreeable to the acts & resolves of this State. That the said Selectmen & Committee have refused to supply your petitioner with necessary provision agreeable to said acts & resolves and the whole that she has rec'd of them during her husband's absence is mentioned in the schedule hereto annexed. That your petitioner's husband has been taken by the enemy & return'd again to the army

& has continued in the continental Service & not once return'd to his family since his first enlistment.

Your petitioner wou'd further represent that she is so poor that she is unable to go to law with the said Selectmen & Committee & unless she can receive some help from the Honorable court She & her children must perish for want. Wherefore your petitioner prays that the Honorable court would pass some resolve to compell the said committee to supply her & family with the necessaries of life agreeable to the encouragement given to the soldiers by the former resolutions & acts of this State. And your petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Mary Perham

Account of things recd of the committee of Newcastle
1778. 1 bushel of corn — 1 hundred of alewifes 40 lb beef
1779. 1 peck of meal — 28 lb beef — 15 lb beef
½ bushel salt — 7 p^r shoes — 1 bushel salt

Mary Perham

To the hon^ble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay in general Court assembled, April 8th 1779.

The Petition of Leonard Williams, Elijah Livermore & Elisha Harrington, a Committee appointed by the Proprietors of a Township of Land granted June 11th 1771, to Saml Livermore Esqr & others lying in the County of Cumberland and State afores^d humbly sheweth: That the great and general Court or Assembly of the then Province, now State of the Massachusetts Bay made a Grant of a Township of Land to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever in the year 1771, conditioned to lay out one sixty forth Part for the first settled Minister, one sixty fourth Part for the Ministry, one sixty-fourth Part for the School and one sixty fourth Part

for Harvard College, to Return a Plan in twelve months, settle sixty families, settle a learned protestant Minister and build an House for the public Worship of God in seven Years; that they exhibited a Plan of said Township to, and was accepted by the then great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in the Year 1772, on Condition the foregoing Conditions were fulfill'd on seven years that the Proprietors have laid out one sixty fourth Part for the first settled Minister one sixty fourth Part for the Ministry one sixty fourth for the School and one sixty-fourth Part for the use of H. College that by Reason of the cruel and unnatural War wherein the United States of America are now engag^d it has been impossible to settle sixty Families, a learned protestant minister or build an House for public Worship of God.

They therefore pray your Honors would take the same into your wise Consideration and grant them the further space of seven years after the Conclusion of this just & necessary War, to perform the foregoing Conditions, and your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

Leonard Williams Elijah Livermore Elisha Harrington
Committee.

Petition of Leonard Williams and others Capt. Brown, Coll° Whitney, Capt. Bonney.

June 12, 1779.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 12th 1779.

On the Petition of Joseph Bragdon praying for the Staying of an Execution made out against him by the Treasurer of this State and that he may be alowed the money he paid to Harrison Gray Esqr Late Treasurer of this State

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be Granted and that Henry Gardner Esqr Treasurer of this State is hereby

directed to recal the Execution he issued against said Bragdon and Likewise Discharge him of the sum of Eighty-three Pounds, six shillings & 4^{d} which he paid to the late Treasurer Gray which he had not been Credited for.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 12th 1779.

Read & Concurred John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives June 14th 1779.

Whereas it appears upon examination of the Accounts of the County Treasurer for the County of York, that all the monies granted by and allowed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County from April 1778 to April 1779 was for such purposes and appropriations as the Law impowered the said Court to Grant and the Ballance due to the executors of said Treasurer is the sum of three pounds Seven Shillings and seven pence

Therefore Resolved that the said account be allowed.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 17, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

Pownalboro' June 15th 1779.

I hereby certify & declare that as attorney to Timothy Parsons in the cause commenced against him by Abiel Wood I made an agreement with Wood's attorney & he consented that I should give any special matter in evidence under the general issue which agreement I thought & always told Mr Parsons woud be abided by through the whole of the first & till

final judgment That at the June term 1779 in the afternoon of the third day of the court Setting, the said action was called & I mentioned the said agreement to the said Woods attorneys & they refused to abide by it & called upon me to plead. I moved the court for a continuance to plead specially. I was denied. I then requested the court for time till the next morning when I woud be ready with a special justification. The Court refused to grant time 'till the next morning. I then began to write a special plea while at the table & the Court order'd me to give the general issue or else be defaulted & accordingly I gave the general issue.

Tim^y Langdon Att^y To T. Parsons.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 17, 1779, on the Petition of Leonard Williams and others representing to this Court that in the year one Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy one, the General Court Granted to Samuel Livermore Esqr and others, a Township in the Eastern part of this State, upon certain Conditions set forth in s^d Petition, and that the Commencement of the present War made it impossible for them to compleat the said Conditions, and praying that a further time may be allowed them; Therefore

Resolved, that the Prayer of the Petition be Granted and that they be allowed the further term of seven years to Compleat the Conditions which are enjoined on them by a Resolve of the General Court.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^r

In Council June 17, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D Secy

Georgetown June 18th 1779

Sir,

However the Eastern Country may seem neglected by the General Court, it appears to be considered as of no small importance to the enemy of America, how little soever it is concerned in Governmental matters, its inhabitants suppose themselves entitled to the protection of Government in common with other parts of the State: Frequent alarms of lesser dangers have been formerly notified to the Honble Assembly; many have been suffered & not mentioned at all:

From the effects of former essays many suppose there is but little encouragement to make new representations to the Legislative authority: this may perhaps prevent others of more capacity from apprizing your Honor of the present alarming state of the County of Lincoln:

But as this appears to be of more than ordinary importance to us in these parts and I ought not to doubt but the truest principles of Patriotism & impartial Justice have ever Dictated the public counsels of the State, I therefore think it my duty as a friend to American liberty & to the safety of the Country where I dwell to give your Honor the following information, viz:

By the uniform tenor of all accounts from Halifax since the termination of last campaign, we have been induced to expect the present would open with a vigorous attempt to reduce this country to a coalition with Nova Scotia: several visits of small craft from that quarter to various parts of the Eastward this spring, have seemed intended to prepare the way for this trial, and to announce the enemy's design to make it effectual.

We still however had entertained hopes, that these like their wonted threats in similar circumstances would vanish into smoke without fire; and that the obscurity & remoteness of this Country, joined with the general poverty of its

inhabitants (which naturally ensured their following the conquest on whatever side it fell) would have been its protection: yet the present appearances seem sufficiently serious at once to reprove that hope and bring it to a period.

This morning credible intelligence from St. Georges & Waldoboro arrived at Boothbay where I reside: the former brought the news of the arrival of a Fleet of British Ships of war &c in Penobscut bay: the latter y^{t} some troops were landed & actually fortifying there: being on my way to this place, I thought it best to take no public notice of these tidings until further inquiry — on my arrival here I received information by means of a prize lately from Halifax that some ships of force with 500 troops on board had sailed thence, destined for some part of the Eastern shore of Massachusetts bay: Not long after, by a vessel that anchored at Small-point, the intelligence from St. Georges & Broadway was confirmed: but this evening the matter was put beyond suspense by the crew of a snow that had fallen into the enemy's hands at Penobscut: from whence having hardly escaped, they had just arrived in this river. By them we learn that 8 British ships of war & seven arm'd brig^{ts}, schooners &c. with a considerable land force had arrived at that place,— had landed cannon &c. with an army of 800 (or as others said of 1500) men & were begun to fortify at Majebigwaduce on the Eastern side of Penobscut-river: that they had obliged the inhabitants quietly to submit to & assist them in this attempt & that they are destined to possess themselves of the other places further Westward as far as Falmouth.

Intelligence of this event will be conveyed as soon as possible to Brigadier Cushing from whom, doubtless, & perhaps from the authority the Honble Board will be more particularly informed of it, as well as of the several movements of these invaders, but from my acquaintance with the present

state of the County of Lincoln, I could not but fear that the loss of a day or two might be of very dangerous consequence, nor therefore persuade myself to refrain from availing myself of this earliest opportunity of conveying to your Honor such information as I have been able to obtain; earnestly hoping that the Honble Board will not fail to enter upon the necessary measures for the defence of this Country, & that with the dispatch which the exigence of the case requires:

And on this particular I beg leave to suggest that from a pretty universal knowledge of this County, I can venture to affirm that notwithstanding all its disadvantages, there is not another under your Government more generally & more cordially disposed to exert itself to the last extremity, in the present righteous & all important quarrel of these States: were the necessary means of resistance in their power.

But, thro' their indigence & the peculiar difficulties of their location they are greatly deficient in equipments: & almost universally destitute of bread & such other provisions as are necessary for a march: the harbours & settlements contiguous to harbours can make no resistance, save just enough to offer a plea for indiscriminate carnage & devastation: unless supported by the interior towns, these are unable to come to their assistance without necessary provisions for the sustenance of life on the service: thus very few from such places could furnish to themselves for a march of four days & from their still more distressed brethen on the shores they can hope for no supply.

These causes will inevitably prevent any effectual aids arriving from this quarter to ye seasonable succour of any place that may be attacked: tho' I would engage as speedy & general a confluence of the trained bands of this County to such places, as has been or can be exemplified in any part of this or any other state in the land — were they able to bring with them the necessaries of life from their respective

homes: or certain of being supplied when the alarm shall call them.

The various clamours of the most alarming representations from divers parts of the county & sometimes from the whole being treated with neglect by the Legislature of the State, do not in the least deter me from assuring myself, that, on the present crisis the Honble Council will not overlook the extremity to which we are likely now to be reduced: nor fail to send us the earliest assistance, by such a force as may be competent to the task of repelling these barbarians; or by such supplies of the necessaries of life as may enable the Brigadier of the county to keep a Magazine sufficient to encourage the inhabitants themselves to turn out & keep together on the occasion: or otherwise that your Honor will communicate to this distressed people the speediest instructions relative to the duty expected of them in their present situation.

These things, dictated by unfeigned zeal for the preservation of this defenceless country, as well as for the support of the common glorious cause, & written by the request of such of the respectable inhabitants as I have had opportunity to see since this alarm are now hastened off to your Honor in the greatest hurry, but without any design of foreclosing the accounts which you may receive from the proper authority & are humbly submitted to your Honor's wise consideration by

Sir Your most obedient & most humble Servant

Jno Murray

The Honorable Jeremiah Powell Esqr

P. S. Georgetown June 18th 1779.

The facts stated in the foregoing letter we believe may be depended on: and in the requests it contains we heartily concur.

John Parker	Jordan Parker	Abr^{m} Preble
Willm Lithgow	Saml McCobb	Jas. McCobb

In Council June 30th 1779 Read & Sent Down

John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives June 30, 1779

Read & thereupon Resolved That the President of the Council be & hereby is requested to write to the Revd Mr. Murray & inform him of the measures this Court have taken to dislodge the Enemy from Penobscot.

Sent up for Concurrence

In Council June 30, 1779. Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

Pownalborough June 19th 1779.

May Please your Honors

Agreeable to the Resolves of the thirtieth of April last I have Issued orders to the officers of my Brigade requiring them to inlist men agreeable thereto.

I would inform your Honors that at present there seems no prospect of getting one man as the Bounty offered is in the Esteem of the people inadequate

I am with respect

Your Honors most Obedt Hble Servt

Chas Cushing Brigr

To the Honble Council of the State of the Massachusetts Bay.

War Office 19 June 1779

Wm Frost Esqr of Falmo

Sir

Your favor 9th Instant was this Day received, and are much obliged by your information, which evinces that regard & attention to the public Interest, as demand our best thanks. We are clearly in opinion that the intelligence you have given us is not to be disregarded: but that our Duty requires

we should take every proper step for securing so valuable a property, and at the same time preventing the Enemy from making so important an acquisition. We therefore wish you to cause all the Masts under your care to be removed without loss of time further up your river to some place of safety, and where they may be out of the Enemy's reach. Such charges as may arise on this business we will Chearfully pay — your Drafts for which shall meet due honor.

We are &c By order of the Board

John Brown, P. P. T.

Pownalborough June 19th 1779.

Sir

Inclosed is a petition which be so kind as to present to the Honble house. The matters contained in the petition is of great consequence to the petitioner & unless the court will do something to help her she must suffer. I have wrote to the committee of Newcastle but they will do nothing & the woman according to my advice tendered them the money which they offered to take & give her for it what corn it would fetch at the present exorbitant price of £15 pr bushel & would not receive it on any other terms. The sum she tendered was eighteen pounds. In short the soldiers wifes in the eastern country suffer so much that should it be known in the army I should not wonder if all who have left families here should desert.

If any order should be passed on the within petition if you will leave it at my fathers he will forward it.

I am Sir with respect Your Humble Servt

Timo Langdon

Honble Saml Freeman Esqr

woud it not be as well to send some necessaries to her & put it in the next tax bill for Newcastle, She paying the Selectmen money to the amount of ½ her husband's wages?

In House of Representatives Octo^br 1779.

On the Petition of Mary Perham Resolved that the Selectmen and Committee of the town of Newcastle in the County of Lincoln be served with a Coppy of said Petition and this order, and Notified to appear on the Second Wednesday of the Next Setting of this Court to Shew Cause if any they have why they have Not Complyed with the Resolve of the General Court passed on the Sixth Day of february Last.

Pownalborough June 19, 1779.

May Please your Honors/

Col. Buck is here on he [torn] an express to inform your Honors of the arrival of the Enemy at Penobscot on Saturday last viz: a [frigate] of thirty-Two Guns, another of Twenty Guns & another of Eighteen; a Brig of Sixteen or Eighteen Guns & a schooner of Ten Guns, and Five or six Transport Vessels with Eight hundred Troops, Commanded by General McLean. Their determination as it is said is to erect a Fort where Penobscot Fort stood & another at Majabaggaduce. At the last mentioned Place they had begun their work before Col. Buck left Penobscot which was last Wednesday. For a more particular account I refer your Honors to Col. Buck as also with regard to the manner of his being forced from his habitation & the distressed situation of the Inhabitants for want of provisions.

Your Honors too well know the Utility of that Harbour to this State to suffer it long in their possession as well as the great advantage it would be to them in distressing our navigation. There is a great difficulty in the way of the militia of this County's turning out not having provisions to support them, not one Family in Ten having Bread in their Houses nor anything else Scarcely except from day to day, neither is there a sufficientcy of arms nor amunition I men-

tion these difficulties — that if your Honors should form any Plan to expel them, with assistance from the Militia of this County & the County of Cumberland that there should be supplies of this sort made. There seems a propriety in giving this matter a Consideration on many acc^{ts} in particular on account of the low ebb of our Currency — designing persons taking advantage of this to seduce many well disposed persons that hard money will be plenty whereby they may obtain the necessarys of Life more readily. If the General Court should think proper to send a suitable force of shiping which with other assistance by Land — It is thought they might easily be dislodged.

I am unacquainted with regard to the payment of expresses but conclude it must be at the expence of the State. I have afforded Col. Buck what assistance was in my power. I have procured him a Horse. should be glad he might receive directions for obtaining his pay.

I am with the greatest respect

Your Honors most obed^{t} h^{ble} serv^{t}

Chas. Cushing, Brig^{r}

The Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council June 23^{d} 1779.

Read & Sent down

John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives June 23^{d} 1779.

Read & thereupon Ordered That General Farley Genl Lovell & Coll. Gerrish with such as ye Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report

Sent up for concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 23^{d} 1779.

Read & Concurred and Walter Spooner and Henry Gardner Esq^{rs} are joined.

John Avery D Secy

The Committee of both houses appointed on Brig^{r} Cushing's Letter have further Considered the same and ask leave to Report the Resolve herewith presented.

W. Spooner by Order

In the House of Representatives June 26th, 1779.

Read & pass'd as amended.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 26, 1779

Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

War Office June 21, 1779.

Mr Joseph Noyes,

Sir We this moment received yours by Capt Gooding, and are Sorry it is not in our power to send you the Flour you desire by him, we hourly expect a Supply both by Land and Water, when it arrives you shall have sent you what is Necessary. We have a Vessell in with some Rice, which, as soon as it is on Shore, if an Opportunity offers, shall send you some, which must satisfy The Troops until we have Flour to supply them with. I am &c

S. P. Savage Pres^{t}

Falmouth June 22^{d} 1779.

The Committee of Safety for the Town of Falmouth, at the desire of a large part of the Inhabitants individually, beg leave to represent to the Honble the General Court the Situation & Circumstances of the Town. A number of Men are called for from this Town & County. there are already from the Town of Falm^{o} many more Men engaged in ye Service of the United States of America than what our former

Quotas have amounted to, by which means our numbers are reduced. In this Situation we are threatned with an Invation. The Enemy are already at Penobscott. Reports from that Quarter are that the Enemy are waiting for a Reinforcement from New York, that when Reinforced their intention is to proceed to Falm° to take post there: & to annex as great a part of Province of Main, as possible, to Hallifax. In these circumstances we are desired to pray the Honble Court that no Men may be taken from us; for that, should the Enemy invade us, we should need more Men than we now have.

We have dispatched a Boat East to make discovery of the Enemy, and if possible, of their real Intentions — upon her return any important discoveries will be made known to the Court.

By Order of ye Committee Stephen Hall, Chairman.

The Honble General Court of State of Massachusetts Bay.

Machias June 23rd 1779.

Sir

I am sorry to acquaint you that the Enemy has taken possession of some part of the Eastern Country, tho' I was allways Sanguine in my Oppinion this woud be the Case sometime, still I was in Hopes it would not have taken place so soon, or till we were in a Better Situation.

On Sunday past about Two o'clock afternoon I receiv^d^ Intelligence from Nova Scotia that a fleet, on Board of which were a Body of Troops, had sailed on a secret Expedition. about Two hours after Lieut. Col° Campbell arrived with Intelligence that the Enemy had landed in Penobscott Bay, there to fortify and make a stand which since has been further confirmed, and no doubt the Honble Board has received the perticulers better then I can inform them.

Finding the people were so reduced for want of Provisions that it was only from day to day they coud procure sustenance for their family, by which there was not a Possibility of Compelling them to Turn out as the Law Directs, Either for defence or to March to oppose the Enemy, I recommended to the Committee & Militia Officers to Call the Inhabitants together to find out What they were Inclined to do. They finally Determined to defend the place to the Last Extremity, upon which I promised to Do my utmost for that End, which if other ways Agreed I shoud immediately have moved the greatest part of the Stores &c to Passamaquoddy.

In Consequence of the above determination Three Block Houses are Building, one of which I shall Fortify round for the Heavy Cannon & fix thereon a magazine for the Ordinance Stores.

As matters were thus Circumstanced & the necessity of immediate Exertion to defend the Country from the inroads of the Enemy till the pleasure of the Court was known, I formed a plan for the Troops that we might appear as formidable as possible & to Enable us to procure such measures as were necessary. Accordingly I Called in Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Campbell of the Militia, Ordering him to take part Between this & Penobscot on purpose to Gete what of the Militia he Coud, to Observe the Motions of the Enemy & to prevent the Inhabitants falling in with the proposals made by the Britains. I took Major Stillman into the service, being usefull in fortification and other military service. I am necessitated to do this, on acct. of being oblidged to be part of my time at Passamaquoddy as well as attending Sometimes More Westward. I appointed Capt. Jeremiah O'Brien, Captain of the Ranging Company & to raise men immediately Agreeable to a Resolve of the Genl Court the 20th April past These I propose keeping at Machias. I shall myself as allso

the Rev^{d} Mr. Lemotte go thro' the diff^{t} Villages of Indians, and Endeavour to Collect as many as possible & Gete them as near Machias as their Hunt for Subsistence will admit. There wait till I hear from Westward.

After some Consideration & reflection, Fearing to Loose time seeing the despondency of the people, and the artfull Insinuations used By a number of Villians I took upon myself (no Doubt presumptuously) to Issue a Proclamation, relying it might have Effect upon some, & to Convince the Britains there was a Spirit & Determination to oppose. If it is thought to Be Imprudent, I trust it will not be attributed to any other motive then a Zeal to use Every means to preserve the Country.

But after all this there is a dull appearance that we shall be able to hold out Long if an Attempt is made against us. The Honble Board will no Doubt Justly Conceive of our Situation at present. The Enemy Eastward & Westward Close to us — their Cruisers along shore, The Indians uneasy Perticularly the Penobscut none of whom has been here since my arrival tho' I have sent twice, several of our Indians Been to St. John (in spite of all the priest or myself Coud do) where they are Treated far beyond what I am able to do — not Twenty persons with me, only about One Hundred w^{t} of flower & 8 Barrels Beef in the Stores, nor nothing to Engage men But persuasion.

I shall Leave nothing undone in my favor, to fullfill the Intention of Government & it may be rely'd upon I shall defend the Country to the Last Extremity. But if it is Intended still to keep these parts from Being Lost or Destroy'd & preserve the Interest of the Indians, there must be, without Loss of time Troops & Supplys Sent.

Any Determination respecting this department, I humbly request to Be Informed of as soon as possible.

I wrote By two Opp^{o} Since my Arrival of the State of

affairs here, one by the Neash'quo'woit, the other by Land, which I hope has Gote to hand.

I send this By Express having Engaged a small schooner for the purpose, which is the only method I coud take, that there was any Probability of Success to Convey Westward — as she is a Vessel that Goes well, & might not be so much Suspected. It woud be highly necessary for the good of the Service & Interest of the States, for her to be Dispatched with some provisions. For further perticulars I refer The Honble Board to Doctor Chalander.

I am with the utmost Respect & Esteem Sir

Your most Ob^{t} & very hle Ser^{vt}

J. Allan

The Honble Jeremiah Powell, Esq.

War Office 23 June 1779

James Richardson Esqr A. D. C. G of Issues

Sir We have the directions of Government to make a large Supply for the Continental Garrison at Machias and such Articles as are not in the State Store, we are ordered to borrow of the several Continental Agents in this place. As you are so kind as to offer us the loan of some pork, Pease & Rice, we have drawn upon you in favor of Lt Avery for 50 Barrels Pork, 4 Casks Rice & 30 bushels Pease for the above purpose.

We are &c S. P. S. Pres^{t} pr order

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 23^{d} 1779

on Representation Made to this Court by the Town of Foxborough in the County of Suffolk and Cape Elizabeth in the County of Cumberland that they ware over-rated in the

Number of Men set to said Towns in a Late Resolve of this Court for filling this State Qoto of the Continental army,

therefore Resolved that there be Deducted out of Number of Men Laid on said Town of Foxborough by said Resolve two men and on the said Town of Cape Elizabeth three men any Resolve of this Court to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk[r]

In Council June 23[d] 1779. Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

To the Honourable the Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay in New England in June 1779.

The petition of Timothy Parsons of Pownalboro in the County of Lincoln Humbly Sheweth —

That at the inferior Court of Common pleas held at Pownalboro in September 1777 Abiel Wood of said Pownalboro commenced an action against Your petitioner for certain words spoke by Your petitioner (respecting his corresponding with the Enemy and his being enemical to these States) against the said Abiel that the said action was continued from term to term by consent till this June term. That at June term 1778, an agreement was made between your petitioners Attorney and the Attorney of the said Abiel Wood that any special matter might be given in evidence under the general issue, which agreement your petitioner and his attorney Understood would be abided by till the final determination of the Suit that at this term your petitioner had sufficient evidence as he apprehends to justify his speaking as he did of the said Abiel that the plaintiff and his Attorney having a Sight of a Deposition fell from the said Agreement of giving any Special Matter in evidence under the general issue and the Courts refused to grant a

continuance to plead specially and altho mov'd woud not put of the cause till the next morning for your petitioners Attorney to plead Specially but ordered him to plead instant and give the General issue or else to be defaulted. Your petitioner's Attorney therefore plead the General issue as directed by the Court and on the tryall the Courts refused to admit any of Your petitioners Evidence against said Wood to be Given in mitigation of damages whereby the jury found a verdict against Your petitioner for £200 damages and Cost. Your petitioner therefore apprehending that at the Superior Court he shall be Obliged to abide by his Said plea of the generall issue and not be allowed to justify Under it, Humbly prays the Honorable Court would take the matter into Consideration and as it cannot be of any injustice to the plaintiff Order that the defendant be allowed to plead Specially or to give any special matter in evidence Under the General issue as to the Hono^ble^ Court Shall seem Most just — and Your petitioner as in duty bound Shall ever pray

June 23, 1779. Timothy Parsons.

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 23^d^ 1779.

Upon the Petition of Timothy Parsons, praying that he may be admitted to plead specially at the Superior Court at which an Appeal is to be heard & tried of an Action brought against the s^d^ Timothy Parsons by one Abiel Wood at Pownalborough in Septr 1777 for scandalous Words — Resolved that the Prayer of said Petition be & it hereby is granted for the Reasons set forth in said Petition: And the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize &c. of this State before whom said appeal shall be brought, are hereby impowered & directed to admit the said Petitioner by his attorney to plead any Matter specially in justification of the Words alledged in

the Writ, to have been spoken by said Parsons against said Wood, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}
In Council June 24th 1779. Read & Concurred
John Avery D. Secy

Falmouth June 24th 1779

Col^{o} Jordan who went express to ye Eastward for the pur pose of getting Intelligence of the Enemy in that quarter return'd & Reports that he went as far as Westsouthweigig (about twenty Miles distance from Majorbagaduce) the best Intelligence he could obtain from the Inhabitants there was, that there were at Penobscott one Ship of 32 Gunns, one d^{o} of 24, one d^{o} of 24, one d^{o} of 20, one brigg of 16 Guns & 2 10 Gunns Schooners & a number of transports: they had Landed 800 Hylanders & fortified Majorbagaduce Hill with a considerable Number of Cannon — they saw a proclamation Issued by the Commander there, in which they suggest that they were invited by some of the principal Inhabitants of Majorbagaduce, Penobscot & Deer Island to come & take possession there, & requiring the Inhabitants to lay down their Arms & Swear Allegiance to the King of Great Britain or depart the place within 8 Days, in consequence of which many of the Inhabitants had complied & were at Work assisting them to Fortify — that they expected a Reinforcement from New York, when their Intentions were to proceed to Townshend & thence to Falmouth.

Col^{o} Jordan further Reports that he saw some of the Inhabitants who had been on board the Ships and had the above Requisitions made to them.

A true copy Attest: Moses Titcomb,
Clerk of Committee of Safety.

The Com^{tee} of both houses appointed to take into Consideration the letter from Brig^{r} Cushing & Report what may be proper to be done thereon, have attended s^{d} Sarvice & Report as their opinion that it is Expedient to send a Naval force to Penobscot to dislodge the Enemy that has lately taken post there — that the Board of War be directed to fit for sea all armed Vessels belonging to this State that can be fited for a cruize against s^{d} Enemy within six days, and the Navy Board, and owners of private armed Vessels now in the port of Boston & in the port of Salem, Marblehead Beverly & Newburyport, be desired to fitt such Vessels for sea, that can be got ready within Six days to cooperate with the State Vessels against said Enemy. and the Com^{tee} ask leave to sit again.

All which is Submitted

W. Spooner by Order

In Council June 24, 1779.

Read & Sent down John Avery D. Secy

In the House of Representatives June 24th 1779.

Read & accepted Sent up for Concurrence.

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 24, 1779.

Read & Concurred John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

In the House of Representatives June 24, 1779.

it being represented to this Court by the Selectmen of Several Towns in this State Setting forth that they have Advanced bounties to Soldiers detached from the Militia in their Respective Towns, to serve in Wades & Jacobs Regiments att Rhode Island the last year Agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of this State passed June 12th 1778 as

appears by their Accounts Exhibited to this Court, for which they have received no Consideration.

Therefore Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to the Selectmen of the Several Towns hereafter named the Several Sums as Sett against their Respective Towns, Viz:—

. . . . . .

And it is further Resolved that there be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this State to Haunce Robinson of a plantation in the County of Lincoln Called the Lower Town of St. George for a bounty of fourteen pounds advanced to one Pierce Grafton a Soldier detach^{d} from s^{d} Plantation to join the above s^{d} Regiment in full.

Sent up for Concurrence

John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 24, 1779.

Read & Concurred John Avery D. Secy.

Falm^{o} June 25, 1779.

To the Honourable the Council & Honourable House of Representatives of State of Massachusetts Bay

The Committee of Safety for the Town of Falm^{o} together with the Select Men, having last Sunday dispatch'd Colo. Jordan in a Whale Boat with 5 Men to the Eastward to learn what force the Enemy had at Penobscott & also to find out if Possible whither the Fleet that appear'd off this Harbour Saturday last were an Enemy or Continental Vessels, and if Continental to apprize them of the Enemies being at Penobscott: Colo. Jordan return'd last night & made a Report of what he had discover'd, a Copy of which is enclosed together with Capt Hallets acc^{t} of the Continental fleet & also two Letters from the West Indies for the French Minister & Consul at Philadelphia. The Committee being

of opinion that your Honors be immediately inform'd of these things, have sent off an Express, which we hope will meet with the approbation of the Honorable Court, and that measures will be taken by the General Court to prevent, if possible, any further progress of the Enemy into this State & we would beg leave further to inform your Honors, that the Inhabitants in general in the Countys of Cumberland & Lincoln are in the utmost distress for want of Bread, that together with the Machinations of Tories the Enemy are now taking the advantage of, and may if some immediate Remedy is not applyed, prove very prejudicial to the United States of America. And should the Enemy attack us in this place and the Militia be call'd to our assistance we have not bread sufficient for two Days. Your Honors are undoubtedly sensible that should the Enemy take post here, the principle part of Province of Main will fall into their Hands, we would therefore pray your Honors to take the matter in your Consideration, whether it will be prudent to take any Men from this County at Present.

We are, your Honors most ob^{t} & very Humb^{le} Serv^{ts}

By Order & in behalf of the Select Men & Committee of Correspondence &c at Falmouth

John Waite

In the House of Representatives June 28th 1779.

Read & thereupon Ordered That Genl Farley, Coll. Dawes & Coll. Baldwin with such as the Honble Board shall join be a Committee to consider the same & report & the Committee are directed to consider & report what further steps are proper to be taken to carry into effect the Expedition to Penobscot & sit immediately.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^{r}

In Council June 28, 1779

Read & Concurred and Walter Spooner and Timothy Danielson Esq^{rs} are joined John Avery D Secy

The Com^{tee} of both houses appointed on the letter of ye Select Men & Com^{tee} of Correspondence of the Town of Falmouth, have attended the sarvice assign'd them and Report the Resolves herewith presented.

W. Spooner by Order

In Council June 28, 1779.
Read & Sent down

John Avery D. Secy

Boston June 25th 1779.

Gentlemen

Your letter of ye 22^{d} Inst. directed to the General Court, came to hand yesterday, giving an acc^{t} of the Enemies Landing at Penobscot. The Court by Express rec^{d} the like Intelligence Two days before.

Spirited Exertions must be made both by sea & Land to dislodge the Enemy Immediately, and it is not doubted, but that the Eastern counties of this State will upon this occasion be zealous to cooperate with Sufficient force to effect that Important business. The New Levies for the Continental Army from the Counties of Cumberland & Lincoln will be dispensed with, as a Regiment will be raised from each of those Counties for the Intended Expedition to Penobscot. We expect you will advise us from time to time of such Intelligence, as you shall Judge will be for the public good.

To the hon^{ble} the Council & the hon^{ble} House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Memorial of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Newburyport sheweth that from the best Intelligence they can collect the Enemy have made or are attempting to make a Lodgment in Penobscot River, for which purpose they have come with a Frigate (the Blond) two twenty Gun Ships, the Brig Hope of Eighteen Guns, & Transports with

Eight hundred Men — the Fleet making together fifteen Sail — least Your Honors may not have had so direct Intelligence they have sent a young Man (who is lately from Penobscot River) of whom the situation of the Enemy may be enquired — the Subscribers being Owners of the following Armed Vessells — Vizt. the Ship Vengeance mounting 20 six pounders the Ship Monmouth of 24 six pounders — the Ship Sky Rockett of 16 fourpounders — the Brig Pallas of the Same Metal — all of which may be equiped in a week from this Time — Added to which there are two Ships & a Brig in this port, (Prize Vessells) which together will mount seventy Guns four & six pounders. The Subscribers ever zealous to promote the public Good & do more than their proportion if necessary, offer for the public Service the four first mentioned Vessels, provided any Expeditions can be planned in force to reduce the Enemy — the Owners of these Vessels if it is neceesary to compleat the Expedition are willing to risk their Vessels & to take the Trouble of equipping them for the Sea, provided the Expence of victualling manning & equipping is paid out of the public Treasury. The owners of the two Prize Ships & Brig are willing to let them for this public Service, provided in addition to the Expence of Equipments as afores^d the said Vessels are valued & paid for if lost. If this Proposal meets with the approbation of your Honours, the earliest Information given to Subscribers will be attended to with the utmost Expedition.

John Tracey

Newburyport 23^d June 1779.

Jon^a Jackson	Jacob Boardman	Thos Thomas
Joseph Marquand	Nat Tracey	Tristram Dalton
Saml Batchelder	John Coffin Jones	

In Council June 25th 1779

Read & Sent down. John Avery D. Secy.

In the House of Representatives June 25, 1779.

Read & committed to the Committee on the Letter from Brigadier Cushing.

And the Committee are directed to sit immediately.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^r

In Council June 25, 1779.

Read & Concurred. John Avery D. Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay June 25, 1779.

The Committee of both Houses to whom was committed the Memorial from the Merchant of Newburyport report the annexed Letter. W. Spooner p^r Ord^r

In Council June 25, 1779.

Read & Accepted & thereupon Ordered that the President of the Council be & he hereby is desired to sign said Letter in the Name and behalf of the General Court.

Sent down for Concurrence John Avery D Secy

In the House of Representatives June 25, 1779.

Read & Concurred John Hancock, Spk^r

War Office Boston 26 June 1779

Tristram Dalton Esqr

Sir The Enemy having with several arm'd Ships and a number of Land Forces possessed themselves of Penobscott, the removal of them is considered by Government as a very important object, and it is their intention to make Every exertion that it may be accomplished. As a necessary step to which they have passed the inclosed Resolve, by which you will see the engagement made to the owners of private arm'd Ships. The very generous offers made by a number of Gentlemen of your place in their memorial to Government leave us no room to doubt, but every assistance in your power will be afforded in this matter, and nothing shall be

wanting on our part to fulfill the duty assigned us by the order of Court.

We send this by Express, and shall be much obliged if you will inform us by his return of the number of ships you can equip, and the Time when they can be got ready. We ask the favor of you to communicate this to the Gentlemen owners of the Armed Vessels in your port.

We are &c By order of Board

John Brown P P. T.

War Office Boston 26 June 1779.

Capt. Allen Hallet —

Yours p^r Mr Haddock we duly received and it is with pleasure we add, your good conduct merits our full approbation. The behaviour of the Continental Squadron, is, in our opinion, by no means justifieable but as we are unacquainted with the general tenor of their orders, we presume not to criminate; but we must say, that giving such implicit belief to the report of a disaffected Individual evidences a too easy credulity in a Commanding officer, which in future may be attended with the most dangerous consequences.

As Government have thought proper to direct that a very considerable Land and Naval Force be collected as soon as possible, their object to be the taking or destroying of the Enemy's Force at Penobscott, in which design it is proper that you should cooperate: It is therefore our orders that upon the receipt of this you proceed on a Cruize between Cape Ann & Cape Cod for a Space of Time not exceeding five Days, after which you will return to Nantasket Rhode from whence you will come up in your boat and receive our further orders.

As we have no particular Correspondant at Portsmouth, you will draw upon us for such expences as you may neces-

sarily incur — Your Bills for which you may be assured shall meet due honor.

We are &c By order of ye Board

War Office 27 June 1779

James Richardson Esqr A. D. C. G. of Issues.

Sir Government having come into a Resolution for raising a very considerable Land & Naval Force to proceed on an Expedition against the Enemy at Penobscot, and this Board being ordered to Procure a Supply of Provisions on this occasion, we are under the necessity of applying to you for about Thirty-six Casks of Rice, the quantity not to fall short of Nine Tons. If you can possibly furnish this Supply, we will give our orders on you in favor of the Com^y Genl of this State for it. We are &c

By order of ye Board

John Browne P. P. T.

To the Honourable the Council and the Honourable house of Representatives of the State of the Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of the Delegates of the Several Towns in the County of Lincoln, Assembled at Wiscasset, June the 24th 1779.

Humbly Sheweth, That a Number of Armed Vessels belonging to and in the Service of the King of Britain have for some time past infested the Sea-Coasts of said County: That a fleet of 8 Transports having 900 Troops on board, with all the Necessaries and Materials for building a number of forts, have arrived at Penobscot under Convoy of the following Vessels of War, Viz: — the Blond of 36 Guns, Milford 28, a Ship of 20, the Hope 18, a Brig 16, Schooner 12, Sloop 10, D^o — that the Troops of the said King have at Last

taken possession of a Place in said County Called Magebagaduce on the Eastern Side of that River and are fortifying the same: that, from the Latest accounts received, the Enemy are Determined to take possession of the Ground where the old fort stood, and to fortify that also; and then to possess themselves of the whole County of Lincoln & where necessary to keep Garrisons: they would further represent that a Number of persons, at the aforesaid places have taken the Oath of Allegiance to said King: and, it is feard, should the Enemy extend further west, numbers of others would be Compell'd to do the same: That by reason of a Severe Drought Last Summer, and the Scarcity Usual in a New Country, there is not Sufficient provision in the County of either bread or meat to Support the Militia two Days in the field nor arms or Ammunition Sufficient to Equip one fourth of the Inhabitants: that the sea coasts of the County extends more than 300 miles: and Supplies the Western seaports of the state with the greatest part of the Lumber and wood that is by them Consum'd: and should the Enemy take possession of it they would acquire a Large Quantity of masts &c., which is much wanted by them & it would be Severely felt by the other parts of this State — they would further declare that, altho' they are unwilling to lay anything that may sound harsh in the ears of their Rulers yet they must observe that they think they are hardly dealt with when, notwithstanding the County has Supplied many more than their Quota of men for the War: — and have paid full their proportion of Taxes: it has been so little regarded that they could not have Companies to guard their most Valuable ports and when the Militia have been Necessarily called to Defend them, and have made up their muster-Rolls, and presented them for payment to the Court, they have been Refused; that by reason of the Militia having been often called upon and obliged to maintain themselves at their own cost, they are almost

wearied out, and unless some assistance can be given them by the Court, the whole County must fall a prey to the Enemy: the Said Convention Therefore humbly and Earnestly pray the Honourable Court that they would, as soon as may be, send such a Supply of provisions, as also of Arms and Ammunition into the County, to be under the Care of the Brigadier, as shall enable him to muster the Militia and Repel the said Enemy: that this be accompanied with an Armed force especially of some companies of Artillery: and above all, that a Squadron of Vessels of War may be immediately ordered, Sufficient to distroy, or at Least to block up, the Enemie's fleet where they now Lay: as without this, it appears to your petitioners that no number of Troops that might be Assembled on the Shore would be of any avail for the Deliverance of this County: and finally that the Honourable Court would be pleased to Repeal so much of the Resolve for Levying a new Draught of men to reinforce the Continental Army as Respects the County of Lincoln.

In these requests your petitioners are imboldened by the pressing emergency of the Occasion which we scrupple not to presage must speedily produce the Reduction of this County, unless it is Seasonably and Effectually protected by the State.

The Convention therefore have Dispatchd this representative by — William M^c^Cobb Esqr one of its members, to whom full credence is to be given on the Subject-matter it contains, anxiously waiting his Return in order to this people's being able to Determine what is their Duty in this present crisis — Earnestly entreating that his Business may meet with as Little delay as possible from the Honourable Court: and that he may not be sent back without an explicit answer, either that the Necessary protection, which we, in common with the other parts of the State, have a right to expect, shall not be denied us Seasonably on this Occasion or that it is the pleasure of Government to abandon us to the

will of the Conquerer, and Leave us either to Desert the Country where our all Lyes, or to make for ourselves the best terms we can: that on the whole this people may have no Reason to complain that the present application is treated with that neglect by the Legislature which has been very Sensibly felt by them, when it has been the fate of former petitions and Memorials from these parts.

before we conclude your petitioners beg Leave to add that from various Circumstances there is Reason to believe that the Enemy and their emissaries are tampering with the Indians in this Country, and this Convention are apprehensive that the tribes at Penobscott and Norridgawalk may be tempted to join with them, your petitioners therefore humbly request that such measures may be taken by the Honourable Court, as may be Adapted to Secure their friendship at this Juncture — and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Signed in the Province and by Order of the Convention.

Jas. M^c^Cobb Chairman

P. S. It being suggested by a Gentleman just Arrived from Boston that it is probable the Honourable General Assembly will be adjourned before this petition Reach them, thereupon this Convention resolved to request, and they hereby do request, the Honourable Council to take it up as tho it had been directed Seperately to them and Return us an Answer by the Bearer to the Prayer thereof that this people may know what they have to depend on.

Signed in presence and by Order of the Convention.

Ja^s^ M^c^Cobb Chairman

In the House of Representatives June 30th 1779.

Read & thereupon Resolved That the President of the Honble Councill be & hereby is Requested to write to James

M^c^Cobb Esqr & inform him of the Measures this Court have taken to dislodge the Enemy from Penobscot.

Sent up for Concurrence John Hancock Spk^r^

In Council June 30, 1779. Read & Concurred

John Avery D. Secy

Navy Board Eastern Department

Boston June 30th 1779

Sir We are just now honored with the Rec^t^ of a Letter from the Honble Council of this day in answer to which, beg you would inform the Honble Board, that we shall most heartily concur in any proper Measures for dislodging the Enemy from Penobscot, and are preparing the Warren, Sloop Providence, & Brig Diligent, for that purpose, with all possible expedition, & flatter ourselves with expectations that they will all be ready, in the course of four or five days, if they can be manned, the Warren wants at least One hundred Men and many of them must be Seamen, as she has but few among those already on board. The Sloop and Brig may require some Aid in Manning, but we Conceive the principal difficulty will be to Man the Ship.

We shall be very glad to receive any aid the Honble Board may think proper to afford Us; and they may be assured that no exertions of Ours shall be wanting on this Occasion, in full confidence that care will be taken to send a force Superior to the Enemy.—

We are with esteem your most Obed^t^ humble Serv^ts^

Wm Vernon for the Board

Hon. Jer^h^ Powell

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council June 30th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be and hereby are directed to engage the Ship Charming Sally Alexander

Holmes Commander, and the Sloop Charming Polly John Palmer Commander upon the same Conditions as have been offered by the General Court for the Penobscot Expedition.

True Copy Attest

John Avery D Sec^y

June 30, 1779

Sir

Previous to the Receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant as Chairman of Convention The General Court had Issued orders for detaching fifteen hundred men from the Militia of this State, and one hundred men from the train of Artillery and also directed such a number of Vessels of force to be sent to Penobscott for the purpose of dislodging the Enemy there as is hoped will be sufficient to effect that same. Orders are also given for forwarding Provisions ammunition & five hundred fire armes for the use of such men as shall be employed in said Expedition. We have also requested the aid of the State of New Hampshire to cooperate with us in the Enterprise aforesaid.

In the name & behalf of the General Court I am your Humble Servant

James McCobb, Esq. [not signed]

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston June 30, 1779

Gen^n

The General Assembly of this State have determined on an Expedition to Penobscot to Dislodge the Enemy of the United States lately enter'd There who are said to be committing Hostilities on the Good People of This State, and Vi et Armis fortifying themself at Baggorbagadoos, and as They are supported by a Considerable Naval Force, to Effect our Design, it will be expedient to send there, to aid our

Land Operations a Superior Naval Force: Therefore, Gentlemen, in Consequence of a Resolve of the General Assembly, a copy of which is here enclosed, we write you, in the most pressing Manner requesting you to aid our Designs, by adding to the Naval Force of this State, now, with all Possible Speed preparing, for an Expedition to Penobscot; the Continental Frigate now in this Harbour, and the other armed Continental Vessells here, by which Addition we shall have a Force Superior to the Enemy There, and very reasonably promise ourselves Success. Gen^{n} you will on Receipt hereof, acquaint This Board, of your Determination on this important Matter, and of the Naval Force you can aid us with, and how soon such force can be made ready.

You may be assured that should you Need the Assistance of this State, in maning the said Ships Speedily, this Board will give you all the Aid in Their Power to effect so Valuable a Purpose. I am S^{r}

in Behalf of the Council

your humble Ser^{t}

Vernon Esqr [not signed]

[Here follows a Return of Ordnance and Stores.]

Council Chamber July 1, 1779

Ordered that Brigadier General Lovell Appointed to Command the Troops to be raised for the present Expedition to the Eastward, be & hereby is, directed to send Three suitable Persons who may attend him thro' the Campaign, immediately to the Eastward, one to Wells in the County of York, one to Falmouth in ye County of Cumberland, & one to Broad Bay in the County of Lincoln in order to Expedite ye raising the Men Aforesaid & to direct them to march to ye several places of Rendezvous appointed in ye several

Counties above mentioned at such Time as he shall judge proper upon Consulting with the Commander of the Fleet destined upon the Expedition aforesaid.

Attest John Avery D Sec^{y}

Sir

The Inclosed Order of Council I am directed to transmit to you. The Bearer of this is Capt Jeremiah Hill who bro't a Letter from Major General Gates to the Council this Day in which he mentions Capt Hill as a good Officer The Extract from Said Letter I herewith give you. "The Bearer "Mr Jeremiah Hill is going to Falmouth in Casco Bay where "his Family resides; he has served with Credit during the "War, and wishes now to be employed in the Eastern Expe-"dition he has the Character of a Good Officer and might "be very usefull there."

I am Sir with great Esteem

Your Hum^{l} Servt

J. Avery D Sec^{y}

Council Chamber July 1 1779

Brigadier Lovel

[Here follows a list of stores, etc.]

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston July 2^{d} 1779

Whereas it appears to this Board That it is absolutely necessary to compleat a sufficient Naval Force for the Penobscot Expedition That the Ship General Putnam now in this Harbour Should be taken into that Service immediately & the Owners thereof being at a Distance Therefore Ordered That the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk be & he hereby is

impowered & directed to impress the Ship General Putnam with her Tackle & Appurtenances and deliver her to the Board of War to fit her immediately for a Two Months Cruize, to Sail on an Expedition to Penobscot, to dispossess the Enemy of the United States there & This shall be your Sufficient Warrant hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon forthwith

In the Name & behalf of the Council

Jer. Powell Presidt

John Avery D Sec^{y}

Suffolk Ss July 2nd 1779 Agreeable to the above Warrant I have Impressed the Ship General Putnam with her Tackel & Appurtenances & delivered the same to the Board of War. Wm Greenleaf Sheriff

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 2^{d} 1779

Sir

You being appointed by the General Court of this State to the Command of the land forces raised and to be raised for the purpose of Dislodging the Enemies of this State who have taken Post at Penobscott; You will therefore immediately prepare for & set out on your Journey to the Eastern part of this State. When you arive there you will without loss of time cause the troops ordered to be raised in that Quarter to assemble at the place appointed for the place of General Rendezvous, & when they arive there you will loose no time but cause them to Embark on board the transports which are Provided for the purpose of transporting the Troops to Penobscot, & when You arive at Penobscot you will Consult such measures as shall appear to you most likely to effect the Salutary Purpose designed by this State in undertaking the Expedition aforesaid. You will at all

times Study to promote the Greatest Harmoney, peace and concord between the land and Sea Forces Engaged in the Enterprize aforesaid. You will in all your operations consult with the Commander of the fleet that the Naval Force may Cooperate with the troops under your command in Endeavoring to Captivate Kill or Destroy the whole force of the Enemy there both by Sea & Land. And as there is good reason to believe that some of the Principal men at Majorbagaduce requested the Enemy to come there & take possession you will be peculiarly careful not to let any of them escape, but to secure them that they may Receive a Just reward for their evil doings. You will be Peculiarly careful to forward to the Council Intelligence from time to time of your movements. If you shall find that you Stand in need of a Reinforcement to enable you to Subdue the Post of the Enemy at Penobscot, you will call upon the Militia in the Lower Counties in this State for such Reinforcement as you shall Judge adequate.

We now commend you to the Supream being Sincerely praying him to preserve you & the Forces under your Command in health and Safety, & Return you Crowned with Victory & Laurels

In the Name & behalf of Council

Attest John Avery D Se^y

P. S. In case the Enemy Should leave Penobscot & Invade any other place or places in the Counties of York Cumberland or Lincoln in this State you are hereby directed to pursue them with the Force under your Command & dislodge them, and in Case the Enemy upon your Arrival should have left Penobscott & Returned to Hallifax you may then as soon as you may think it safe & Convenient dismiss the Militia or such part of them as you think best & send them by the transports to such Ports as may be most Contiguous to their respective homes

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 2d 1779

Ordered, that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to furnish the Commissary appointed for the Penobscot Expedition with one Barrel New England Rum Eight Yards of Blue Cloth for Coats, fourteen Yards of Linen for Shirts (White) twelve Blankets, two dozen Jack Knives twenty Pounds of Powder, One Hundred ditto of Lead, twenty weight of Beaver Shot, Six dozen Flints and Six bushells of Corn for the Purpose of Supplying a Company of Indians at Penobscot, Provided that said Indians shall inlist in the Service of this State for the dislodgment of the Enemy near Penobscot River to be delivered out under the Direction of General Lovell

Attest John Avery D Secy

Council Chamber July 11 1779

Ordered that the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to furnish the Indians in Pursuance of the foregoing order with Blanketts out of the Donation Blanketts provided they have no other in their Possession, they to replace them as soon as may be.

Attest Saml Adams Secry

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Boston July 3d 1779

Gentlemen —

The Commander of the Continental Frigate by Rank will Command the Fleet destined to Penobscutt to dispossess the Enemy There, in Conjunction with the Militia, and Train, detached for that purpose and that the Commanders of the Naval and Land Forces may Harmonize in every Stage of their Operations to compleat the Distruction of The Enemy of the united States at Penobscutt, we herewith enclose you a Copy of Instructions to General Lovell, and have the full-

est Assurence, you will give the Commander of the Warren Such Instructions as will tend most cordially to unite the Land and Naval Powers on that Expedition and am Gentlemen in Behalf of the Council

your most obedient humble Ser^{t}

[not signed]

To the Navy Board

Boston July 3^{d} 1779

Received of Brig^{r} Genl Lovell the sum of five hundred & fourteen pounds 10/L m^{o} for the purposes of defraying the expenses of my department in the expedition against Penobscot. John S Tyler Q M G

State of Massachusetts Bay
Council Chamber Boston July 3 1779

Resolved that The Committee appoint'd to enlist Men for the manning the Ships and Vessels destined on the Expedition to Penobscutt, be and hereby are impowered and directed to publish and proclaim to all Persons enclining to take a part in the Penobscutt Expedition, that the State will not directly or Indirectly share any part of any Armed Vessel or Ships or Transport, or other Vessel which may be captured by the Fleet Destined to Penobscutt, or by any Vessel Thereto belonging, and that the Share that might accrue to this State shall inure to the Captors and be shared amongst Them.

And it is further Resolved that the Imbargo laid by the General Court for Forty Day, shall peremptoryly be continued for that Term, unless the said Expedition to Penobscutt shall be finished, and If it should so happen that the said Expedition to Penobscutt should not Then be terminated, This Board will continue said Imbargo as Necessity will require it till said Expedition Shall be ended or the

General Court Meet and the said Committee are directed to publish this resolve, that no Seaman or other Person, may neglect to put himself into such Advantageous Business as the Penobscutt Expedition, under the Delusive Idea, that as soon as the Penobscutt Fleet sails all ships and Vessels will be permitted to put to Sea

Attest John Avery D Se^y

State of Massachusetts Bay In Council July 3 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they are hereby directed to deliver to John Lucas Commissary of Provisions on the Expedition to Penobscot all such articles of Provisions as have been at any time heretofore or may be ordered for that purpose by the General Court or this Board the said Commissary to obey such orders as have been or may be given by this Board for forwarding them to the several places of their destination & to be accountable for the same.

Gent^n

You will please to furnish me with the following Articles for Six Hundred Men at Falmouth for 28 Days — 120 Camp Kittles 120 Bowles 40 Axes

You will please to furnish me with the foll^g Articles for Three Hundred Men at Wells for 28 Days — 60 Camp Kittles 60 Bowles 20 Axes John S Tyler Q. M G

Boston 5 July 1779

Gentlemen

In behalf of the Owners of the Ship Hunter I would request you to lend me Two Bbls of powder for the use of said Ship, on the Expedition to Penobscott, as She cannot proceed without it. Barth^o Putnam

N. B. The Powder to be on public Acc^t & risque

To the Hon^l Board of War.

Boston July 5, 1779

Gen^{m}

please to put on Board of Capt Wm Wyatt Four hundred & Eighty Seven & half gall^{o} New England Rum for the men on Board of Ships Hector & Black Prince going on the Expidison.

Geo Williams for s^{d} Ships

State of Massachusetts Bay

War Office Boston 5 July 1779

To the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk or his Deputy — Greeting

By Virtue of the Powers vested in us by the Hon^{l} General Court to facilitate the Expedition to Penobscott, we hereby will & require you in the Name of the Government & people of this State, immediately to repair on board the Snow Clinton Prize to the Privateer Ship Genl Putnam, now in this Harbour, and impress, if need be Two Hundred Barrels of Pork Two thousand pounds hard Soap one hundred & 72 Tierces of Beef, Four Hundred Barrels of Flour and Two Tons of Bread and deliver ye same to Richard Devens Esqr Com^{y} General for this State or his order for the use of the Forces designed for the Expedition above mentioned, which Pork, Beef, Flour and Bread you are to get appraised by proper Judges of the same, and the amount of said Articles shall be paid to the Owner or Owners thereof, By this Board according to the appraisement, on a proper Certificate's being produced — Hereof fail not.

Given under my hand & Seal the Day and year first above written

Sam Phips Savage

[List of stores impressed appears on reverse, dated Boston, July 15, 1779, and signed by Shubael Hewes, Dp^{ty} Shff]

War Office 6 July 1769

To Messrs David Spear, Nathl Thwing & John Tileston — Gentlemen

The Board of War have appointed you appraisers of all such Provisions taken from the Prize Snow Clinton as may be Shewed to you by Mr Shubeal Hews, Deputy Sheriff, as Provisions taken from said Snow Clinton for the use of Government, and you are to make return of your doings to us as soon as may be.

Yrs

Sam Phips Savage p order

We The Subscribers Being Appointed by the Hon^{bl} Board of War to Apprize a Quantity of Pork, Beef, flower, & Bread Taking out of the Snow Clinton for the use of the Expedition to Penobscott do agree to Allow for Every Barrill Pork weying Two Hun^{d} Pound Eighty pound pr Barrill, Tierces of Beef weying three Hun^{d} pound pr Tierce Eighty Two pound Ten Shillings pr Tierce, flower forty pound pr hundred Gros weight, fine Bread fifty pound pr hun^{d}

David Spear Jam^{s} Thwing Jno Tileston

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of Joseph Christopher of Pownalborough humbly Shews

That your Petitioner being under the most urgent Necessity for the Article of salt having a Quantity of Alewives which are in a Suffering Condition for want of salt to Repack them was Obliged to come from the place of his Residence to this Town to provide a quantity of salt for the same.

That your Petitioner brought One Man with him who is an Inhabitant of Pownalborough to buy a little Meal for the use of his Family who is in great want of it and that he has

only bought Two bushels & onehalf of the same which is all that is on board of the Vessel

That your Petitioner has a Family and Interest in the Town of Pownalborough where he humbly Conceives he might be of More Service to his Country at this time of Invasion of this State than to be Detained here

That your Petitioner therefore Most Humbly prays for Permission to depart this Harbour in the small Vessell in which he Entered it with One Man who came with him & a Boy to Navigate Her to the River Kenebeck the General Embargo laid upon Shipping here Notwithstanding and your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray

Joseph Christopher

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston July 6, 1779.

We beg leave in Answer to a request Made by a Committee of the Honble Council of this State, to represent the following, as a true State of the Continental Vessels of War under our direction destined for the Expedition against the Enemy at Penobscot.

Sloop Providence not compleatly manned but wanting so few, that they estimate her as ready for the Sea, having every Article on board, & orders given to the Captain to proceed the first Wind in Company with the Brig Active, to Convoy the Provision Vessels, & Capture any small Cruisers on the Eastern Coast, gain intelligence of the State & motions of the Enemy and to join the Fleet at an Appointed Rendezvous.

The Brig^t^ Deligent wanting about 30 men Every thing prepared & mostly on board & may Sail in a very short time if manned.

The Ship Warren wants about 70 Men most of them must be Seamen & Americans, every thing except her Bread ready, that is baking, and we hope will be ready in two or three Days, will not detain the Ship for it as we can supply some flour in the room of it, & can send some Bread after her.

We have the honor to be with great Respect, your Honors most Obed^{t} Humble Servants

Wm Vernon J. Warren

The Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

Letter Meshech Weare to Hon. President Powell

Hampton Falls 6th July 1779

Sir I am honor'd with the Recept of your favor of the 29th Ult^{o} relative to the Expedition forming against our Enemies at Penobscot, which appears to be absolutely necessary and to be forwarded with all possible expedition; The General Assembly of this State had adjourned the Week before I recieved your favor that it could not be laid before them, nor such measures taken as might have been, had they been Sitting; The Committee of Safety for the State who transact such Matters as are of Necessity in the recess of the Genl Court have agreed to fit out an Arm'd Vessell the Hamden of 22 Guns, to Joyn in the Expedition as speedily as possible, which I expect will be ready to Sail in three or four days, should be glad to hear by the return of the Post, when your Fleet are ready to Sail, or any other Intelligence you may think proper to communicate.

I am with much Esteem & respect your Obed^{t}
Humble Servt

Meshech Weare

Rec^{d} this Letter Fryday afternoon
3 OClock July 9 — J. Powell

Letter Wm Vernon & J. Warren to Hon. Jereh Powell

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston July 7th 1779

Sir By desire of a Committee of the Honble Council we Yesterday reported to them a State of the Continental Vessells of War designed for the Eastern Expedition by having recourse to that the Honble Board will see that nothing but the want of Men detains them we do every thing in our power to Man them but we are limited by Establishments which we have no Authority to exceed they may in the Usual Course be manned by next Fryday Morning but it is our duty to inform the Honble Council that we see no probability of it Men Enter but slowly especially American Seamen which are most wanted & must be had before the Warren can go to Sea —

We have the Honor to be with great respect Your
most Obedt humble Servt

Wm Vernon J. Warren

War Office July 7, 1779

Mr Ries

Immediately on the reception of this, which is sent you by express, you are to procure Teams, which if you cannot get on applying for, you will apply to a Constable in your Town and deliver him the enclosed Warrant to impress the same to be here by 7 oClock tomorrow morning without fail, or as soon as possibly may be — You must load them with the Shott in the Memo below, to be delivered the Board of War — hereby fail not, as they are this moment wanting

Yours &c Samuel P. Savage Pres.

All the 18 pd Shott you have 130 — 9 pd do 97 — 4 pd do

This goes by Mr. Jos: Russell who will assist you in expediting this business

War Office July 7th 1779

Sir

This will be delivered you by Capt. McLellan Master of the engaged as a Transport on the Expedition to Penobscot who has Our Directions to follow your Order for his further proceeding.

As the Troops will be on Shipboard but a short Space of time, We are of Opinion that Spruce boughs would well answer for the Men to lie on in the place of Platform, & have recommended to Gen. Lovel that the Soldiers be ordered to keep the necessary quantities of Provisions before they embark, as providing proper Conveniences for Cooking on board would be attended with great Expence and delay.

We can't but flatter ourselves, that from the Active Zeal & Spirited Exertion of our worthy Brethren in the Eastern part of the State, the Army will be rais'd & in such force as may effectually crush this daring attempt of the presumptuous foe, & render Majabagaduce as brilliant in the annals of the United States as Saratoga or Charlestown

We are Sir Your very Hble Servts

S. P. Savage Presd

William Frost Esqr Falmouth

To the Honorable the Councle for the State of the Massachucets Bay in New England Humbly Sheweth

That your petisoner Wm York master and part owner of the Sloop Olive Came up from George with A Load of wood for the inhabitants of Boston & Landed it with Mr Cunningham Last Satterday and is Now Laying Idle with his Vessell & people to A Great Expence by Reason of the present Embargo therefore humbly Desires your Honour that you will permitt him to Saile for North Yarmouth in order to Load Again with A Nother Load of wood for Sd Boston and

as your petisoner has gott Some pork & Corn and other Nessarys for the Inhabitants of S^{d} North Yarmouth who are in Great want of them & must Suffer if I am not permitted to Saile. But in Case your Honour will not Grant me A permitt emedatly I must begg your Honour to be So Good as to lett me Saile with the Fleet & under their Convoy and as in Duty Bound Your petisoner Shall for ever pray

Wm York

Boston July 7 1779

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber July 7, 1779.

Ordered — That Nathl Barber Eq^{r} Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be and hereby is directed to clear out the Shallop or Schooner Resolution Joel Whitney Master port Machias with Provisions The Embargo on Vessels notwithstanding

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

War Office Boston July 7th 1779.

Captain Allen Hallet,

You being Commander of the State Armed Brig^{n} Active, it is our Orders that you proceed in Company with the Continental Armed Sloop Providence Hoysted Hacker Esqr Commander to Wells & Falmouth as Convoy to the Transports bound to these Places, and when you have seen them safely arrived, you are to run down the Coast towards Penobscott and use your best and utmost Endeavors to take burn sink or destroy all armed and other Vessels with their Cargoes, the property of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain, Enemies to these Sovereign Independent United States of America and to the natural Rights of Mankind. As it is

apprehended the Enemy have a Large Naval & Land Force at Penobscott, you are to make every prudent attempt to obtain information of their strength and motions, which you are to Communicate to the Commanding Officers of the fleet & Army at Townsend, to which place you are to repair by the 15th Day of this month and join yourself to the Grand Fleet there.

As an Expedition is intended against the Enemy at Penobscott you are effectually to cooperate in the same under the orders of Dudley Saltonstall Esqr Commander of the Continental Ship Warren. And we warmly recommend it to you to exert yourself to further and promote the Publick service on this important occasion, assuring ourselves that your conduct will be such as to reflect honor upon the state that employs you, and establish your own character in the minds of your grateful Countrymen.

When this Service may be happily effected by the Capture Destruction or Flight of the Enemy, and you may be properly discharged by General Lovell, the Commander in Chief, or Captain Saltonstall, you are to proceed in Company with the states Brigantine Hazard and Tyrannicide to the Southward in the Track of Brittish Vessels bound from Europe or Halifax to New York & Newport, and in this Station you are to Continue for the space of Days and then return to the Northward, Cruizing Days in the Vineyard Sound, round the Island of Nantucket & so home.

However you are carefully to observe that should it be necessary for you to Continue in the first mentioned service either as Guards or Convoys longer than at Present is expected, you are to do it, depending on receiving from us such further orders as circumstances may require. During your Continuance with Captain Hacker you are to govern yourself by such signals and orders as you may receive from him, the purport of the same having been first mutually

agreed on, and as Captain Williams is your Senior Officer, you are, after you proceed on a Cruize in Company with him, to govern yourself, as far as your Generall orders will Permit, by such orders and signals as you may receive from him for promoting the Interest of the Cruize & the Publick Service. Should you be so fortunate as to make any Captures, you are to send them under proper prize Masters into this or some other safe Port in the United States, from whence the earliest notice is to be given to the Board by Express.

You will bring, or send in all the Prisoners you may take, as shall be practicable, in order to their being exchanged for our suffering Brethren in the hands of the Enemy.

You are to be extreemly cautious not to molest the Navigation of the Subjects of our good Ally the King of France, or other Powers in amity with these states; but in everything strictly to conform yourself to the good and wholesome regulations of Congress for that purpose made and provided.

Be carefull to send us all the Necessary papers by each and every prize you may make.

We heartily wish you success, and are Sir Your Friends &c

By order of the Board

John Browne pres^t pro. tem

P. S. Upon your arrival at Townsend, should you not find the Fleet there, & circumstances should make it prudent or necessary, you have permission to make a short excursion, not exceeding forty eight hours at the farthest, returning however to Townsend as soon as may be. And should you think it proper to take on board more provisions before you proceed on your Cruize to the Southward, you will apply to to Mr Com^y Lucas, who has our directions to supply you

I acknowledge the above to be a true Copy of my orders received from the Board of War, & promise to conduct myself accordingly. A. Hallet.

Boston, July 7 1779

Received of Brig^{r} Gen Lovell the sum of four hundred & eighty pounds L m^{o} for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the expedition against Penobscot in my Department

John S Tyler Q M G

War Office Boston July 7th 1779

Capt

The of which you are master being engaged as a Transport on the present Expedition to Penobscott, it is our orders that you proceed direct for & their deliver such stores as you may have received from John Tyler Esqr Quarter Master Generall, and John Lucas Esqr Com^{y} Generall for the Expedition to Penobscott, to the Persons by them appointed to receive them,— then apply to the Commanding Officer of the Troops there to whom you are to deliver the Letters we herewith give you and follow his orders for your further proceedings

As you are to sail under Convoy of Capt Hacker in the Continental Sloop Providence, & Capt Hallet in the armed Brig: Active, you are to govern yourself by Such Signals & orders as you may receive from Capt Hacker until you arrive at the first place of your Destination —

We wish You a Good Voyage &c

By order of the Board

We acknowledge the Above to be a Copy of Our Orders receiv'd from the Board of War, which we promise to follow & Obey

Levi Tower Samuel Drinkwater Daniel Mitchell
David Drinkwater John Graffam William McGlathry
Ezkiel Tarbox Nathl Carver Melzar Samson
Jonathan Sprague Simeon Turner

Sudbury 8 July 1779

Delivered to Wm Lawrence thirty Six round shott 18 pd one Hund^{d} & thirty ditto 9 pd ninety seven ditto 4 pd to be delivered the Hon^{bl} Board of War at Boston

Wm Rice Ju^{r}

Boston July 8, 1779

Received of Joseph Parks 226 Shot 18 Pounders on Bord the Brig Samuel pr Benjn Dunham

Boston, July ye 8 1779

Received on Bord the Brig Saml 113 18 Pound Shot of William Hobbs pr Benjn Dunham

Sudbury 8 July 1779

Deliver'd to Simeon Smith one Hundred & twenty round Shott 18 p^{d} to be delivered the Hon^{bl} Board of War at Boston

Wm Rice Ju

Sudbury 8 July 1779

Deliverd to Wm Hobbs, to be deliverd the Honble Board of War at Boston, one Hund^{d} & thirteen round Shott 18 p^{d}

Wm Rice Ju^{r}

Return of Shott d^{d} on board the Brig^{t} Saml from Sudbury for the Penobscott Expedition pr Mr Benj^{a} Dunham Mate of s^{d} Brig^{t} Receipt — vizt 113 — 18 ^{lb} Shott bro^{t} by Asahel Tower 113 — 18 do. bro^{t} by Abel Tower.

N. B. the receipts for these 2 loads lodged with Mr Ivers — 495.18 ^{lb} d^{o} receipts enclosed 721.18 ^{lb} Shott. 130 — 9 ^{lb} d^{o}. 97.4 ^{lb} d^{o}.

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Your petitioner in a small Coasting Sloop from Yarmouth being detained by the Embargo, beg of your Honors that a

pass may be granted your petitioner to return to said Yarmouth — and your petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

Daniel Howes

Boston July 8th 1779

[Return of Shot for Penobscot Expedition]

This certifies that all the Stores in my Department, preparing for the Expedition to Penobscot, will be ready to be deliverd, to morrow Evening

Labaratory 8 day July 10 °Clo: A M

William Burbeck

War Office Boston 8th July 1779

Capt. James Johnson

You are hereby required and directed to proceed with the Brig: Patten, of which you are Commander, in Company with the Continentall Sloop Providence and State Armed Brigt Active as Convoy to the Transports bound to Wells and Falmouth: You are accordingly to observe & obey such orders and signals as you may receive from Capt. Hacker, the Senior Officer, until your arrival at Townsend, the place of generall Rendezvous, when you will receive such further Orders from Dudley Saltinstall Esqr, the Commanding Officer of the fleet, as circumstances may require.

We heartily wish you success, and are Your Friends & very Humble Servants John Brown, P. P. T.

I Acknowledge aforegoing to be a true Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War, and promise to govern myself accordingly James Johnston

Gentlemen

The General Court are highly pleased with the Patriotism that distinguishes the Memorial you have laid before them,

previous to the receipt Thereof the General Assembly had Resolved on an Expedition to Penobscot to dislodge the Enemy there, a copy of which is herewith sent you; And are equiping a Fleet, and preparing a Land force to cooperate for that purpose. We shall depend upon the four Vessels first mentioned in your Memorial, and shall not be entirely Satisfyed That the same Disinterested Spirit which has ever appear'd in your Conduct will prompt you to mass water, wood & equip for sailing said vessells immediately that They may be ready to sail by as soon as the Provisions for the same shall come to Hand, which the General Court will immediately send. The whole expence shall be reimburst you according to the Resolve enclosed. The four Vessels by you mentioned in addition to the continental Frigate, Sloop Providence, State Vessells and others taken up here will be Sufficient to compleat the Design.

In the Name of the Gen[l] Court I am Gentlemen your most obedient humble Ser[vt]

President

To Messrs: Jonathan Jackson John Tracey Joseph Marquand Nath[l] Tracey Tristram Dalton Sam[l] Batchelor John Coffin Jones Jacob Boardman & Thomas Thomas Merch[ts] at Newburyport

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Board of War would represent to your Honors that the Sum of Money necessary to be advanced by them in the prosecution of the intended expedition to Penobscott, greatly exceeds the sum we have received, by your Honor's order, from the Treasury, as will appear by the inclosed List — Most of the Articles are in such demand that they cannot be

procured without the Cash. We are therefore under the necessity of applying to your Honors for a further order upon the treasury for the sum of Ninety thousand Pounds for the service of the said Expedition.

Sam Phips Savage President

[Here follows a list of provisions.]

The above is for the Land Power and Contained in Mr· Lucas orders only — The Quarter Master's & Departments, and Provisions for the Ships will amount to a much larger Sum.

In Council July 8th 1779 Read & Ordered — That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £90,000 in part of Saml P. Savage & others Members of the Board of War for the Purpose of carrying into Effect the Expedition to Penobscot agreeable to Resolve of the 29th June last — they to be liable for the Expenditure of the Same

John Avery Dy Secy

War Office Boston July 8th 1779

Captain John Foster Williams

You being Commander of the State armed Brig: Hazard, it is our orders that you proceed with the Grand Fleet to Townsend, the Place of General Rendezvous.

As an Expedition is intended against the enemy at Penobscott you are effectually to Co operate in the Same under the orders of Dudley Saltinstall Esqr Commander of the Continental Ship Warren, and we warmly recommend it to you to exert yourself to further & promote the publick Service on this important occasion, assuring ourselves that your Conduct will be such as to reflect Honor on the State that employ you, and establish your own Character in the Minds of your grateful Countrymen.

When this Service may be happily effected by the Capture Destruction or flight of the Enemy, and you may be properly discharged by Generall Lovell, the Commander in chief, or Captain Saltinstall, you are to proceed in Company with the State Brig: Active and Tyrannicide to the Southward in the Track of the vessels bound from Europe or Halifax to New York and New Port, when & where you are to use your best & utmost Endeavours to take burn Sink or Destroy all armed and other vessels with their Cargoes, the property of the Subjects of the King of great Britain, Enemies of the Sovereign Independent United States of America, and to the natural Rights of Mankind.— In this station you are to continue for the space of Days, then return to the Northward Cruizing Days, or until your provisions may be nearly exhausted, in the Vineyard Sound round the Island of Nantuckett and so home.

However you are Carefully to observe, that should it be necessary for you to Continue on the first mentioned Service, either as guards or Convoy longer than is at present expected, you are to do it, depending on receiving from us such further orders as circumstances may require.

Should you be so fortunate as to make any captures you are to send them with proper Prize Masters into this or some other safe port in the united States, from whence the earliest Notice is to be given to the Board by express.

You will bring or send in all the prisoners you may take, as shall be practicable in order to their being exchanged for our suffering Brethren in the Hands of the Enemy.

You are to be extremely cautious not to Molest the Navigation of the Subjects of our good Ally, the King of France or other powers in Amity with these States; but in everything strictly to Conform yourself to the good & wholesome Regulations of Congress for that purpose made and provided.

Be carefull to send us all the Necessary papers by each and every prize you may make

We heartily wish you success, and are

Sir Your Friends &c

By order of the Board J: B

John F. Williams

I acknowledge the aforegoing to be a True Copy of my Orders received from the Board of War, and promise to govern myself accordingly

War Office Boston July 8th 1779

Capt. John Cathcart

You being Commander of the State armed Brig Tyrannicide, it is our orders that you proceed with the grand fleet to Townsend, the place of general Rendezvous. As an Expedition is intended against the Enemy at Penobscott, You are effectually to cooperate in the same under the Command of Dudley Saltinstall Esqr Commander of the Continental Ship Warren, and we warmly recommend it to you to exert yourself to further & promote the Publick Service on this important occasion; Assuring ourselves that your Conduct will be such as to Reflect honor on the State that Employ you, & Establish your own Character in the minds of your Grateful Countrymen.

When this Service may be happily effected by the Capture, Destruction or Flight of the Enemy, & you may be properly Discharged by Generall Lovell, the Commander in Chief, or Capt. Saltinstall, you are to proceed in Company with the States Briggs Hazard & Active to the Southward in the Track of the Vessells bound from Europe or Halifax to New York & Newport, when & where You are to use your best & utmost Endeavours to take, burn, sink or Destroy all armed and other Vessels with their Cargoes, the property of the Subjects of the King of great Brittain, Enemies to the Natural rights of mankind

In this Station you are to continue for the space of Days, when return to the Northward, Cruizing Days or until your stores may be nearly exhausted, in the Vineyard sound, round the Island of Nantuckett & So home; however you are carefully to Observe that should it be necessary for you to Continue on the first mentioned Service either as Guard or Convoy Longer than is, at present, expected you are to do it, depending on receiving from us such farther orders as circumstances may require.

Should you be so fortunate as to make any Captures, you are to send them, under proper prize Masters, into this, or some other safe Port in the United States, from whence the earliest notice is to be given the Board by Express.

You will bring or send in all prisoners you may take, as shall be practicable in order to their Being Exchanged for our suffering Brethren in the Hands of the Enemy.

You are to be extremely cautious not to molest the Navigation of the Subjects of our good Ally the King of France, or other Powers in amity with these States, but in every thing strictly to conform yourself to the good and wholesome Regulation of Congress for that purpose made & provided.

Be careful to send us all the necessary papers by each & every prize you may make.

We heartily Wish you Success and are

Sir your friends &c

P. T.

P. S. As Capt. Williams is your Senior Officer, you are, after you proceed on a Cruise in Company with him, to govern yourself, as far as your general Orders will permit, by such Orders & Signals as you may receive from him for promoting the interest of the Cruise and the public Service.

I acknowledge the foregoing to be a true Copy of my orders, received from the Board of War, and promise to govern my self accordingly John Catheart

War Office 9 July 1779

Capt. John Cathcart

You are directed to send a boat with Ten Armed Men, to be stationed in Pudding Point Gut, from Sunsit to Sun Rising of every night, and there to stop, turn back or detain, as circumstances may require, any Boats & Vessels that may attempt to pass without that Place, unless they produce special permission from the Council or this Board This to continue until our further Orders

By Order of the Board

John Brown P. P. T.

War Office 9 July 1779

Capt. Jn° Foster Williams

You are directed to send a Boat with Ten Armed men to the eastward of Castle Island, between Long Island head & Deer Island Point from Sunsit to Sun rising of every Night, and there to stop, turn back or detain, as circumstances may require, any boat or Vessel that may attempt to pass without that place unless they can produce special permission from the Council or this Board This to continue untill our further Orders.

By order of W. Board

John P. Savage Pres^t

Falmouth 9th July 1779

To the Hon^l the President of the Council of the State of the Massachusetts bay.

Sir this will be handed you by Mr. Cobbern who I Accompanied to this place We where Desired By the Indians to proced to Boston with A String Of Wampum to let you know that they have Joyned with America and Desire that their May be A party of Men pickt to Joyn With Them as

A Scouting party & that they may Have Ammunition & Stores as soon as may be I should have proceeded but was Advised by Brigd Thompson to waite the Arrival of Genl. Lovell But he has not yet arrived, & I am Obliged to Return to the Indians & Send Mr. Cobbern, to whom I refer you for more particulars

I am Sir with Esteem your Hon^s Most Obedent Humble Sev^t

Andrew Gilman

N. B. The men Chosen by the Indians to Joyn them Is Jeremiah Cobbern, Elisha Grant under Myself.

July 9th 1779

Sir

The Council have this day appointed you Chief Surgeon upon the expedition to Penobscott and as no time is to be lost your answer is desired immediately and if you should accept of the appointment it may be adviseable you should forthwith come to Town to take some direction respecting it

By order of Council I am Sir with much Esteem

Doct^r Downer

Your Humble Servt

J Avery D Se^y

Council Chamber July 9, 1779

Sir

The Council did not receive your letter dated the 6th Instant till this Day at three a Clock P M. or should have sent you an answer by the Post I am directed to Inform you that The Fleet destined for Penopscott will sail on Sunday next from Nantaskett. The Place of Rendezvous is The Town of Townsend in the County of Lincoln, we therefore must request that you would Issue your orders to the Commander of the Hamden to sail at that time & join the Fleet

& pursue such orders as he may receive from Dudly Saltonstall Esqr Commander of the Ship Warren who has the Command of the Fleet and in Case he should not meet with the Fleet as they pass your Harbour that he proceed immediately to Townsend & from thence to proceed with them to Penopscot and Cooperate with the rest of the Fleet in the Expedition Aganst the Enemy who are Invading the Eastern parts of this State. All rely much upon the Assistance of this Ship

[not signed]

Honble Mesech Weare Esqr President of the Council of State of N Hampshire

Letter J. Warren & Wm Vernon to the Hon. Council

Navy Board Eastern Department
Boston July 9, 1779 —

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.—

In consequence of your Honors requisition, we beg leave hereby to Assent to the proposal, for receiving on board the Ship Warren, Sixty American Seamen for the Expedition only, this we do, & desire may be considered as done not from a Conviction in our own Minds, of any propriety or advantage to the Service from such a disposition, but in conformity to the Opinion & recommendation of the Honble Council, it being our opinion that Seamen, such as are now wanted for that ship, may be obtained as well for a Cruise, as for the Expedition only, or at least with an additional Encouragement of the Continental Bounty (and yet your Honors will not find that we have made any representations that Men could be had on no other Terms but for the Expedition) in which case the Ship might proceed on a Cruise, which promises great advantages to the United States after the Expedition should be Ended and in the proposed mode her Cruise must end with the Expedition, or even with the

flight of the Enemy she must probably return into Port, for want of Men, & leave two small Vessells provided to sail with her, by order of the Honble Marine Comm^ee^ to proceed without her & Unable to promote any plan of Consequence.

We are Your Honors Obed^t^ Humble Servants

J. Warren Wm Vernon

To the Honble the Council Board of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of James Avery Humbly Sheweth The Arm'd Schooner Neash'quo'woite being loaded with Supplys for the Troops & Indians at Machias Your Petitioner Humbly Prays your Honors, would Give permission for said Schooner to be Cleared out to Sail in the fleete as far as Penobscott, & then proceed on her Voyage, and as in Duty Bound will ever pray John A. Avery

Read & Ordered that the Nathl Barker Esqr Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be & he hereby is directed to clear out the Schooner Neashquowoite when the Fleet destined to Penobscott may sail on the intended Expedition for the purpose of sailing with them.

Attest Saml Adams, Sec^y^

Boston July 10th 1779

To the Honrb^l^ the Bord of Warr —

As the following Vessels are to take on board Artilery & a Boat or Boats on Deck I think it Nessary they have at Lest four Hands all on Bord of each Vessel for the Safety of thar Cargo.

V. Sloop Britan^e^ Jonson mast^r^ D^o^ Dolph^n^ Kent D^o^ D^o^ Bethiah Freeman D^o^ D^o^ Safty Kent D^o^ D^o^ Industry Young D^o^ ——— Buber Mas^t^ Sloop Pigon Littel D^o^

Schoon^{r} Unety Babier & that Provitions are ordr^{d} accordingly.

Also Brig Saml Brown Mastor have a Pilot As She is Loaden with Ordenence Stores with all that appertaineth to the Dyrector of the Hospital & the Mastor informs Mee he & all Hands are Unaquainted with the Corse

Josh^{a} Davis Ag^{t} of Transports.

Boston July 10 1779

Letter M. Weare to Hon. Prest Powell

Hampton falls 10th July 1779

Sir I am honor'd with the receipt of your favor of the 9th Ins^{t} by Mr Pattinson — I am sorry my letter did not sooner come to your hand. As we had received no information of the time of the Fleets sailing, or place of Rendezvous & the Hampden being ready to Sail, the Comm^{ee} of Safety this day sent orders to Capt Salter to Sail and Joyn the Fleet; not pointing Out any particular place it is doubtfull whether he will not sail before there will be Opportunity to give him the Particular Orders you Mention, if there is Opportunity it will be done, If not I trust the orders he has will be sufficient, tho, perhaps he may not Joyn the Fleet quite so soon as Otherwise he might

I am with Sentiments of Respect Your Obed^{t}

Humble Servt

M. Weare

Boston July 11 1779

I Beg Leave to Represent to the Honor^{l} Board That the Schooner Unity Joseph Bubier mas^{t} (Having on bord A Valuab^{l} Cargo of ordenence & other Stores for the Intended Expedition to Pernobcutt) will have Need of four hands

Exclusive of the master as She will Take no troops on bord, also that a Small Light Boat may be provided for my Department if Can be obtained without Detantion

3dy if So that Capt Laha be permitted to Ship two Extra hands for my Boatmen as I Shall if Convenant mostly Be on board that Vessel in which I shall take my Passage & Ernistly wish him a Commition as I think it for The Good of the Sarvis with Dew Resepect am yr obedt Sarvant

Joshª Davis

Presednt of Board of Warr

War Office July 11th 1779

State of Massachusetts Bay —

To Mr Shubal Hewes By Virtue of the powers committed to us by a resolve of the general Court, You are hereby requir'd to empress from the public Magazine, Ten Barrels of good Merchantable Gunpowder for the use of the Expedition intended against Penobscot and deliver the same to Capt Danl Waters Comr of the Putnam or his ordr and make return of your doings to this Board immediately.

Given under my hand and Seal this Eleventh day of July A D. 1779

Sam Phips Savage

Boston July 11th 1779 by Virtue of the Within Precept I have Impressed ten barrils of Gun Powder for the Use of this State and Delivered the Same unto the Gunner of the Putnam, from the Public Magazine

Shubael Hewes Dpty Shff

War Office 11 July 1779

Mess Thomas Forster & Wm Burbeck

You are desired to appraise Ten Barrells of Powder, which will be showed you by Mr Shubael Hewes, One of the Con-

stables of this Town & make return to us of your Doings thereon Sam Phips Savage

Gent^{lm} We have viewd the Powder within mention'd and Apprais'd the same according to Your desire — at three hundred & thirty Pounds ꝑ Barrel the Barrels suppos'd to Contain 110^{lb} Each Thos Foster Willm Burbeck
The Hon^{l} Board of War Boston July 11th 1779

To the Honb^{l} Board of Warr State of Massechesetts Bay

Whareas a Nom^{r} of Larg Sloops Tak^{n} up as Transports For the Intended Expidition to Pernobcutt will Take On bord Som Heavy Artilery & flat Bottom Boats Having Bin Alow^{d} only a master & two hands tharfore I Beg leve to Reppresent I think it Benifitial to the Sarvis That Each Vessel of that Size & with Such Loading Be alow^{d} at lest one hand more and That Provition Be ordrd on bord Accordingly Joshua Davis Ag^{t} of transports
Boston July 11 1779

Council Chamber July 11, 1779

There are wanted in order to Equip the Ship General Putnam Daniel Waters Commander in the Expedition to Penobscott not less than sixty Seamen. The Board therefore earnestly request your Exertions & Influence immediately to procure the Men before mentioned for the Ship General Putnam. As you were appointed by the General Court a Committee for the Purpose of Manning such Vessells as might be destined Upon this Expedition it lays with you to give them such Encouragement as you think proper. It is of great Importance that the Fleet should sail immediately, you will therefore lose no Time in executing this Bussiness. least you should fail of procuring the men by Enlistment we

have furnished you with a Warrant and Instructions directed to the Sheriff of the County of Essex or his Deputy, or any Constable, to Impress the Men for the Purpose aforesaid which you will deliver if you judge it necessary. I shall Depend upon your affording your assistance Council & Advise to the Civil officer upon this occasion, if the Measure should be found necessary. As this Ship is Impressed Specially for this Service You may assure the men they shall be released from the service as soon as the Expedition is over. Any money you may advance upon this occasion you will be repaid by the Committee employed in this Town for a Similar Purpose. The Council have ordered Capt Waters to sail for Marblehead the first Wind, you will deliver what men you may procure by Enlistment or Impress to him or in case he should not arrive at Marblehead seasonably you will send them to this Town by some safe Conveyance

[not signed]

Col Orne & Lee

Council Chamber July 11, 1779

Sir

I am directed by the Board to Desire that you would immediately Inform the Owners of the Ships Hunter, Hector, & Black Prince, that it is the Expectation of the Board that they order their Respective Captains to proceed with their Vessells immediately to Nantaskett Harbour there to Join the Fleet under the Command of Dudly Saltonstall Esqr & proceed with them on the Expedition to Penobscott; and in Case you Cannot readily Meet with the Owners of the Ships beforementioned, you will Communicate these orders to the Captains.

In the Name & by order of the Council

[not signed] President

E H Derby Esqr Elias Hasket Derby Esqr

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of the Subscribers Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners are Owners of a Sloop called the Driver, Commanded by Robert Haskell, which Sloop being bound here, with a Cargo of Wood, from the Eastward, Anchored at Casco Bay, and is detained there on account of the Present Embargo, to our Great dammage, and as we conceive, without any advantage to the Public. Therefore your Petitioners, Humbly Pray your Honor, to direct the Naval Officers at Falmouth to permitt Said Haskell to Proceed to Beverly with the Sloop Driver & Cargo, and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever Pray.

Jos^e^ Batcheldor, Jr.,

in behalf of himself & Co, owners of the Sloop Driver

Beverly July 12th 1779

To the Honble Council of the State of Massachusetts bay

The Petition of Joseph Nye of Sandwich Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner Previous to his having heard of an Embargo being laid, had prepared a Vessell to go to Kennebeck River, and Engaged to carry a Number of Persons, & their Effects; who are going to Settle there, and being Informed that a Fleet of Armed Vessells will Soon sail for the Eastern Shoar

He therefore prays your Hono^rs^ to give him permission to go with Said Fleet as far as Said Kennebeck River with the Sloop Dolphin belonging to Sandwich, and to carry with him the Effects of Isiah Fisk of Said Sandwich Consisting of Two Cows Eight Sheep & Two Hoggs and a quantity of Household Furniture

And your Petitioner as In Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray

Joseph Nye

Boston July 12th 1779

War Office 12 July 1779

Captain

Your Vessel being engaged as a Transport on the Expedition to Penobscott, you are directed to proceed in Company with the Grand Fleet under the Orders of Dudley Saltinstall Esqr to Townsend, the place of general Rendezvous, when you are to obey such orders as you may receive from Joshua Davis Esqr Agent of Transports for your further proceeding

We are &c

Saml P. Savage, Per Order

We acknowledge the above to be a Copy of our Orders received from the Board of War, and promise to govern ourselves accordingly —

Robert Johnson	Luther Little	Jo^{s} Bubier
James Brown	John Wyllie	William Kent
Peleg Kent	Edward Freeman	William Young

War Office Boston July 12 1779

Sir

Agreeable to an order from the Honorable the Council you are hereby directed to proceed to Sea immediately on the proper Signals being made for that purpose by Dudley Saltinstall Esqr Commander in Chief of the Fleet on the Expedition to Penobscott.

By order of the Board

John Brown P. P. T.

The above order was sent to Cap^{ts} John Foster Williams Com^{d} Brig Hazard John Cathcart Brig Tyrannicid Samuel Lapa Schooner Hannah Danl Waters Ship Genl. Putnam Thos Thomas Ship Vengence Alex^{r} Ross Ship Monmouth Nathl West Ship Black Prince John Carver Ship Hector Nathan Brown Ship Hunter Wm. Burk Ship Sky Rocket John Edmunds Brig Defense James Johnson Brig Pallas Alex Holmes Ship C J. Tally

Newbury Port July 12th 1779

Sir

Last Friday one James Collins an Inhabitant of Penobscot on his way home from Boston went through this Town.

The committee having Intelligence that he was a Person & unfriendly to the American States; immediately Dispatched an Express after him with particular orders to take him up whenever he could be found, and bring him back to this Town in order that he might have a Trial here, as all the Evidence that we could at present procure, was in this place (being Gentlemen that belong to Penobscot) he accordingly was taken up & brought back, and the Committee upon Examination find that he has been an Enemy to the united States of America ever since the War began, and that immediately after the British Fleet arrived at Penobscot, this Collins went on board of them Repeatedly, and he also Confessed that he had the Oath of allegiance administered to him by one of the Captains of said Fleet, soon after which he took Passage from Kennebeck to Boston in a Sloop that belongs to one Mr. Blake of that Town, Whitmore Master, where he arrived Last Tuesday, and as we apprehend got all the Intelligence he Possibly cou'd Relative to the movements of our Fleet and Army, and was on his Return home to Penobscot to give the Enemy all the information in his Power; the Excuse he makes for going to Boston at this particular time is that he Married a Daughter of William Pratt of Malden and went there to Secure a place to Retreat to in case the British Fleet and Army shou'd overcome ours that are soon to go East &c; However upon the whole we are suspicious of his being a Spy and have accordingly Secured him in the Goal in this Town, and there we propose to Keep him confined till we have the Direction of the Honble Council Relative to him and have the Honour to be in behalf of Committee of Correspondence &c Sr your most Hble Sert

Richd Smith Chairman

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July: 1779

As all the Armed Vessels destined upon the present Expedition to Penobscot are put under your Command, You will as soon as the Expedition is at an end or you will as soon as you & General Lovell shall be of opinion they can be spared with safety Release from the Service as many of the private armed Vessels as you may think unnecessary to retain for the Purpose of securing such Posts as you may take from the Enemy or for Conveying the Troops to the places from whence they respectively embarked as the Ship General Putnam is an Improved Vessell She must necessarily return to this Port, she will therefore be the Most suitable Vessell to be employed in Conveying the Troops back. You will make us a return of the Particular Day each Vessell is discharged. You will at all times keep us advised of your Proceedings, We wish you a Prosperous Cruise & sincerely pray that all your Exertions in the Cause of your Country may be attended with a Divine Blessing

To Dudley Saltinstal Esq

Invoice of Sundry Merchandize dl^{d} Lt Jam^{s} Avery for Col^{o} John Allan Command^{g} Officer at Machias by Order of the Genl Court

War Office Boston

[Here follows list provisions and dry goods:]

War Office Boston July 12th 1779 Errors Excepted Mr. Ivers

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 12 1775

Ordered that Brigadeer Lovell be and he hereby is directed to order Colonel Revere with one hundred of his train includ-

ing officers to Embark on board the transport prepared for the Purpose of transporting him and his train to Penobscot without a moments delay

Attest John Avery Dy. Sec^{y}

State of M B. Council Chamber July 12 1779

To the Honble the Commissioners of the Continental Navy Board

Gentlemen

The Council Board having given Orders that the Ships in the Service of this State and employed in the present Expedition to Penobscott proceed to Sea upon the signal given from the Continental Frigate Warren you are requested to give orders to the Commander of the said Frigate & other Ships under your Direction to proceed to place of Rendezvous already agreed on

In the Name & Behalf of the Council

J Powell President

[Here follows a Return of Sundries for the Penobscot Expedition.]

Council Chamber July 12 1779

State of Massachusetts Bay

Sir

Your letter of the ninth Instant by Mr Colbourn has been laid before the Council. And I am directed to acquaint you that the Council had Previous to the receipt of your letter given such directions to Brigadier Lovell respecting the Penobscott Indians as appeared to them necessary and expedient. You may assure Our Brothers of the Penobscot Indians that so long as they behave as Brothers we shall be

disposed to treat them as such so far as shall appear to be reasonable.

Brigadier Lovell will be with you as soon as wind and wether permit, upon whose arival we trust by the blessing of Heaven things will appear much more favourable than at present.

I am your humble Servant

President

Andrew Gillman

[Here follows a list of medicines supplied Dr. Downer.]

Navy Board Eastern department
Boston July 13, 1779

To Dudley Saltonstall Esqr Commander of the Ship Warren

Your ship being ready for the Sea you are to take under your direction the Brig^t Diligent & all the Vessells belonging to or employed by this State for an Expedition Against the Enemy at Penobscot & proceed with them on said Expedition after Rendezvousing at Townsend where you will meet with & take with you the Sloop Providence Brig^t Active & any other Vessell destined to the same Service. You are to take every Measure & use your Utmost Endeavours to Captivate Kill or destroy the Enemies whole Force both by Sea & Land & the more effectually to answer that purpose you are to Consult Measures & preserve the greatest harmony with the Commander of the Land Forces that the Navy & Army may Cooperate & assist each other when that business is Effected or if on your Arrival you shall find the Enemy have left Penobscot & that shore & retired out of your reach You are then to take with you the Sloop Providence & Brig^t Diligent who are Ordered to Cruise with you and under your Command & after furnishing the Command-

ers of them with Copys of your orders & proper directions & Signals proceed immediately to &c. &c.

The aforegoing is a true Extract of the orders given by the Navy Board Eastern department to Captain Saltonstal so far as they relate to the Penobscot Expedition as appears of record.

Attest Willm Story C N B E d

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered that the Board of War be & hereby are impowered & directed to Contract with Mr Erskine for the Armed Ship Sally, to be employed in the present Expedition to Penobscot Provided he the s^{d} Erskine will engage to have s^{d} Ship furnished with a Number of men suitable for a Vessel of such Force in four Days from this time & also when ready to sail & join the Fleet at the place of Rendezvous or in Case the fleet should have left that place before her arival there then to join them at Penobscot & the Board of War are also directed to supply Mr Erskine with two Bls of Powder for the Use of s^{d} Vessel in Case she should be ready & proceed upon the Expedition at the time before mentioned.

True Copy Attest John Avery D Sec^{y}

To the Honorable the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

Joshua Davis humbly Sheweth that he had engaged Five Men as Sailors to go on board several of the Transports under his care bound on the Expedition to Penobscott, which were yesterday impressed & carried on board the Armed Vessels, by which means he is destitute of hands necessary for that Service, and as the time limited for the

Fleet's sailing will not allow of procuring other Men he would humbly pray your Honors for an Order to take those five who were impressed for the purpose above mentioned.

July 13, 1779 Joshua Davis Ag^{t} Transports

In Council July 13th 1779

Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be and he hereby is Directed to clear out the Sloop called the Terrible John Whitmore Master bound to Kennebeck with Provisions on Board for the Use of the Inhabitants there & permit him to sail with the Fleet bound Eastward

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber July 13 1779

Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Salem be and he hereby is directed to clear out a Coasting Sloop now lying in the Port of Salem Cornelius Bradford Commander bound to Waldoborough & permit said Vessel to Sail with the Fleet bound Eastward — also two Coast Sloops Nathan Parker Master & Dennis of N. Yarm^{h}

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay

The Petition of John Whitmore Master of the Sloop called Terrible Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner in said Sloop follows the business of Coasting from Kennebeck to Boston, and lately arrived here

with a Load of fire Wood which he sold in this Town, and laid out his money in the purchase of Grain & other Provisions to carry down to the Inhabitants there who are Suffering for the want of Provisions ; But by the Embargo lately laid your petitioner cannot get his said Vessel Cleared out without the leave of your Honors.

He therefore humbly prays your Honors would be pleased to permit him to go down on said Sloop to the Eastward with the Provisions he has on board for the use of the Inhabitants there, and if he can obtain your Honors leave he proposes to come up Immediately with another Load of Wood for this Town

And as in duty bound shall pray &c

Boston July 13th 1779 John Whitman

State of Massts Bay

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered That Nathaniel Barber Esqr Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be and he hereby is Directed to clear out the several Vessels hereafter mentioned & permit them to sail with the Fleet bound to the Eastward Daniel Mitchell & Robert Johnson of North Yarmouth Coasters with Provisions & stores on Board their several Vessels —

William York Master of the Sloop Olive bound to North Yarmouth — Coaster

Smith Woodward Master of the Schr Polly with Powder & Lead for the Use of the Town of Pepperelborough

Joseph Christopher Master of a Small Vessel with Stores to the River Kennebeck

Joseph Nye Master of the Sloop Dolphin bound to Kennebeck River with two Cows, Eight Sheep & two Hoggs and a Quantity of Household Furniture on Board

John Martin Commander of a Coaster bound to Beverly

Henry Atkins Master of the Schooner Polly bound to Truro on Cape Cod
James Smith of Woolwich bound to Kennebeck River
Daniel Howes in a Small Coasting Sloop bound to Yarmouth
Nicholas Gardner in a Coasting Vessel bound to Georgetown
Capt Nash well known Free Mason bound to Salem
Capt Frank Snow in the Schooner Unity bound to Casco Bay

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Falmouth in Casco Bay be and hereby is directed to clear out the Coasting Sloop called the Driver Robert Haskel Commander now laying in Said Harbour bound to Beverly with a Load of Wood & permit her to sail from the Port of Falmouth

Attest John Avery Dy. Secy

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber July 14th 1779

Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be and he hereby is Directed to Clear out the following Vessels after the Fleet shall have sailed from this Harbour

Robinson Hidden in a Small Schooner called the Harry with One Man & a Boy bound to Sawco.

Schooner Dove Nathl Hall & Judah Paddock bound to Yarmouth.

Schooner Polly Simeon Hawes & two or three others bound to Barnstable

Sloop Phoenix Edm^{o} Mathews Master bound to Barnstable

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 14, 1779

To the Hon the Commissioners of the Continental Navy Board

Gentlemen

This Board being duly informed by the Board of War that the Ships & Vessels in Service of this State on the Expedition to Penobscot are ready to proceed to Sea upon the proper Signals being given from the Frigate Warren, you are requested to give the necessary order to Captain Saltonstal as soon as may be

In the Name & Behalf of the Council I am &c

President

Council Chamber July 14th 1779

Sir

Joshua Davis Agent of Transports in the Penobscott Expedition has Represented to this Board that he is in great want of a Pilot & three or four men by reason of his hands being Impressed. The Council desire you to furnish Mr Davis with a Pilot and three hands for the transport Hannah if in your Power

Capt. Saltonstall

Falmouth July 14, 1779

To the Honourable Council of the Massachusetts State

Agreeable to your Honors Order of the 26th of June last I have Detach'd out of my Brigade Six hundred Men and form'd them into a Regt. and have appointed proper Officers to command the same, Viz. Colo Jona Mitchell, Lievt Colo Nathl Jorden, Jacob Brown, first, and Nathl Larrabee second Major; on the 7th Instant I recd Orders from General Lovell, to cause said Troops to repair to Falmouth to be Recd by

Major Hill, who informed me he should be there on the 8th and on the 9th they arrived at Falmouth according to said Order and the Greater part have been waiting ever Since except those who liv'd Near by, who had Leave to retire home for want of Provision on the 14th the transports Arriv'd and brought in with them a letter of Mark Sloop Laden with Rum bound from the Grenades to Hallifax which they took on their passage from Boston to Falmouth

I am with true Respect your Honors most

Obedient Humble Servt

Samll Thompson Brigr

State of Massttts Bay

Council Chamber July 15 1779

Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Boston be and hereby is directed to clear out the following Vessels after the Fleet shall have sailed from the Harbor of Boston to the Eastward viz1 —

The Sloop three Friends Thomas Perkins Master for Arundel.

The Sloop Polly Saml Jones Master for Broad Bay.

The Brigt Mary Jona Ropes Master for Salem

Schr Dove Thomas Rider Master for Cape Cod

Attest John Avery Dy Secy

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 15th 1779

Ordered That the Naval Officer for the Port of Newbury Port be and He hereby is directed to clear out the following Coasting Vessels after the Fleet shall have sailed from this Harbor for Penobscot viz

Sloop smiling Molly — with two men bound for Sheepscut

Sloop Rachel — with two men bound to Kennebeck

Sloop Tryal — with three men bound to Sheepscut

Sloop Ranger — with three men bound to Sheepscut — & Sloop Coolbroth master with three hands bound to Clark Port

Attest John Avery Dy. Sec^{y}

Machias July 16th 1779

Sir

My last to You was the 3^{d} Instant from Passamaquody Via Penobscot by the Revd Monsr DeLaMotte, who I sent Amoung the Indians on that River, Acquainting the Hono^{ble} Board of delivering a War Belt of Wampum to the Said Indians.

The day After Twenty Canoes with Familys, arrived from St. Johns & Eight from the Passamaquody Lakes, by which Ninety Canoes were Together, as soon as I had Concluded every Necessary with them, & my being Wanted at Machias, I returned There the 8th to forward bussiness and take Other Measures for future

I Brought with me four Micmack Indians, having a Conference I found that they were on Speculation to see how matters was Going & that if Agreeable to them, were ready to take up the Hatchet, it was concluded That two of them should be sent off to the Tribes from Chalure to Chignecto, who were their Constituents — the Others Two Continue till a Return, & Incline to go to Penobscot.

Mr. Franklin & Baley the priest being Expected at St. Johns & Maj^{r} Studholm giving Great presents, Engaged Twenty five Famelys to Continue on that River

The rest are all ready to March, when Ordered and something to Leave with their famelys.

The Account I Received from Penobscut By the Spies, I sent, Are that the Enemy were Not More than five hundred

Strong, One Thirty two Gun Frigate, one Twenty, & Two Sixteen, with Smaller Ones — that Only Six Pieces of Cannon were Landed, And Appeared to Be in Utmost Consternation for fear of An Attack, were much deceived & disapointed in the promises & Expectations from the Torys.

Most of the Inhabitants had Submitted & taken the Oath of Allegiance, But According to Custom Experienc'd the Advantages of having British Troops, in Commiting Some of the Most Horrid Crimes Among them These are Reather More to be pited than Many More Eastward who has gone a distance to Acknowledg themselves Subjects.

Union River, Maskeigh, & Dear Island, Most if not all the principle people, & Two or three from Frenchmans Bay & Gouldsborough have taken the Oath. But from the proclamations I send & the Vigilent Conduct of Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Campbell, Aded to the Good Spirit of the people at Mount Desert, Frenchmans Bay, Narraguagus, Pleasant River & Mechias, A determination has taken Place to Oppose, & defend the Country to the Last, And tho it is Lamentable & Deplorable to a degree in the want of provisions & other Necessarys, I trust Under the Smiles of a Kind Providence we Shall Prevent their Penetrating further.

I cannot But Take the Liberty to Express myself, with what A Mortification & Deep sorrow I am Under That the Situation of this Department is Such, No Certain Intelligence or Instructions What I am to do, or what Movements Are Making to the Westward, that I might be able to do Some Service at this Critical Juncture Not Above Two Pounds of Bread Kind p^{r} Week to each, for three Weeks past, Am Obliged to Borrow & Beg from every Denomination, when Expresses or Other Necessary business is to be done.

Had the Supplys &c recommended, been laid in, in the Spring, This Attempt would not have Been Made By the Enemy, for tho their plan has been in Agitation for some

time, they Layd aside its Execution, till they saw what was Granted By Court, As their Strength was not Equivilent Otherways this I have from Undoubted Authority in Nova Scotia.

I now beg leave further to Mention That by what I can Learn, the Intentions of the British Government is that they Expect to be Compelled to declare the Independency of the Thirteen States, But determine to Keep Canada & Nova Scotia, & By this to Extend their Line of Territorys to Kenebeck River.

I Rely & Trust & Most Heartily plead that I may Not be Left Unnoticed in this Affair, that I may be Enabled to Assist in the Affair of Penobscot.

The 11th at 4 O'Clock in the Afternoon I Recd Express from Lieut Colo Campbell at Narraguagus, That a Prize Brig of 150 Ton Deeply Loded with Provisions from Ireland, Taken by the Wasp, Capn Somes of Cape Ann had Got in there & were in Great Danger of Being Soon Attacked, As the Enemy would soon have Intelligence of her/ There is a number who Gives every Intelligence in Spight of what I can do & That she Could Not by any Means Go Westward while the Enemy were at Penobscot, Sailing Very Bad. I immediatly sett off in a Boat with Six Men. I Consulted with the Capn & for Several Reasons Amoung Others the Great Advantages the Enemy would Reap they being very short at present and the Discouragement to the Inhabitants should she be taken, No place of Defence at Narraguagus. I ordered Ten Militia Men on Board & Brot her Round here Two days Ago under the Cannon. She is Full of Pork, Beef, Butter, Oatmeal & About 20,000 Weight Bisquit, Some English Goods

From our Indigent State & the Indians Making a great Noise, Supposing it in my power to take The Whole, I took the Liberty of Borrowing 11½ Barrels of Pork 12 Barrels

Beef 21^{ct} 1^{qr} Oatmeal 19^{ct} 2^{qrs} Bisquit & Eight firkins Butter or 47 1/4^{ct} to be paid for or replaced in Boston, which I Doubt not will be Agreeable, & Trust will be paid when Demanded

This Cargo would be very Advantagous for the States, if for Use here or sent Westward, But as this does not come within my Jurisdiction I only Took what necessity Required for the present till further Orders

I have Just receiv'd Inteligence By Two Indians that the Revd Monsr De LaMotte is on his way to Passamaquody By the Lakes, I shall sett of myself this Evening for that Place

I am with much respect & Esteem Sir Your Most Obedient very Humble Servant J. Allan

July 18th The wind & Wether Continuing Bad, detained me Last Evening The Rev^{d} DeLaMotte arrived, his Beheavor & Conduct has given me much satisfaction. He is Indefatigable in the business.

This Goes Via Penobscot with Capt John Preble whom I send Express to the Comm^{g} Off our Troops on that River and to Command the Indians of that River if necessary, which I leave to the Discretion of the Comm^{g} Off J. A.

To the Honble Jeremiah Powell President of Council

Gentlemen,

Ever ready and willing to perform the Duties of my Station,— with Pleasure I wou'd inform you in few Words of the Situation of the Ship under my Command:— That we are well Manned; in good Health & high Spirits; provided with Stores of every Kind necessary for the Expedition; and are in readiness for Sea. Hope our Conduct thro' the whole

will meet with the Approbation of the Honorable Board; and of the Publick.

The Inclosed is a Roll of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines belonging to the Putnam.

From Your Obedient Servant

Daniel Waters

On Board Ship Gen[l] Putnam
Nantaskett Rhode July 18th 1779.

To the Honourable, the Board War.

P. S.

No more Letters must be expected as the Paper that we have receiv'd is scarcely sufficient for necessary Uses — on Board Ship.

Kittery July 20th 1779

The Hon[ble] Council of the State of Mass[ts] Bay

May it Please your Honors Agreable to your Honors orders 29th June last to Detach from the Brigade under my Command three hundred Men in order to March to Penobscot I have accordingly detached the same & formed them into four Companies with Proper Officers and put them under the Command of Maj. Daniel Littlefield who has march'd to Casco Bay with said Troops; Likewise those Men Called for to fill up the Continental Army are raised and Delivered to the Superintendant for said County agreable to a Resolve of the General Court past June 9th 1779; likewise those men ordered to be Detached for Providence under the Command of Lievtenant Job Wenshel, the reason of not sending more Officers I was directed by said Resolve to Join Company with the Brigadier of the County of Cumberland. I wrote to

him but rec^{d} no Answer, there is generally a large proportion of Officers.

As to those Men called for agreable to the resolve for Nine Months to march to Springfield they hant all got as Yet by reason of so large a Draft to go to Penobscot, Providence & Continental army; all which distresses the People very much but all hands are Striving all that lays in their power and hope to procure the whole in a short time.

I would beg leave to inform your Honors In calling for Officers from the third Regiment in the Brigade to my Surprize I found by Col^{o} Cutts the Commanding Officer of said Regiment that their was neither Officer in said Regiment Except the field Officers that had a Proper Commission the reason is all the Officers in said Regiment were Commissioned in the Year 1776 with the Stile of George the Third King &c. Col^{o} Tristrum Jordan then commanded said Regiment but did not take proper care that the Commissions were altered agreable to an Act of this State the late Col^{o} Cutts not knowing of the affair till a few days ago when he found the Mistake he informed me of the same should be glad of your Honors Direction about the Affair and shall wait your Honors Orders which as soon as Rec^{d} shall be punctually complied with

I have the Honor to be your Honors most Obed^{t}
Humble Servt

Jno Frost

To the Honble the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

May it please your Hon^{rs} your Petitioner being Agent for the owners of the Ship Pilgrim, which, under the command of Capt Hill lately returned from her Cruise, and among other prizes took a Barque of very considerable Value, which,

I am informed by the Prize Master on Board, is arrived on our eastern Coast a few Leagues below the Harbour possessed by the Enemy's Fleet. Which your Hon^{rs} must be sensible is in great danger of being taken by the Brittish.

Your Petitioner therefore request your Honor to permit him to send a Shallop under the Com^{d} of the said Capt Hill, with about 20 men, from Salem to the Place where the s^{d} Barque is, and bring her to Salem. Your Petitioner presumes to add that, he conceives, the public, as well as the s^{d} owners will be greatly benefited by your Hon^{rs} granting the s^{d} permit, which he prays y^{r} Hon^{rs} to do, and as in Duty bound will pray

Steph^{n} Cleveland

Salem July 20th 1779

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber July 20th 1779

Read & Ordered — That the Naval Officer for the Port of Salem be and hereby is directed to clear out a Shallop under the Command of Capt Hill with about twenty men on Board for the Purpose of convoying a Barque lately captured by the Ship Pilgrim from Goldsborough in the Eastern part of this State to Salem and the Naval Officer at Goldsborough is hereby Directed to clear said Ship for the Port of Salem accordingly the Embargo on Vessels on the Contrary notwithstanding

Attest Jno Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

I do hereby Certify and promise that I will liberate all men that was impress'd last night by the Crew of the Ship Charming Sally of w^{h} I am Owner

Boston 21st July 1779

Wm Erskine

N. B also all men that was impress'd this day.

The Honb^{l} the Board of War — Boston.

Order to Board of War to take up Transports

Orders of Council respecting the Penobscot Expedition viz[t]

Council Chamber July 1st 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to take up Three hundred Tons of Shipping upon the best terms they can & send them to the Town of Wells in the County of York in Order to Transport the Three Hundred Men ordered to be detached from that County to Penobscot, & they are also directed to cause, Provisions, sufficient to Victual the Three hundred Men aforesaid one Month, to be conveyed in as Secret a manner as possible to Joshua Bragdon at the Town aforesaid, and they are further directed to take up Six hundred Tons of Shipping upon the best terms they can & send them to Falmouth in the County of Cumberland in Order to Transport the Six hundred Men ordered to be detached from that County to Penobscot and also to cause Provisions sufficient to Victual the Six hundred Men aforementioned one month to be conveyed in the most secret manner to Capt Joseph Noyes at Falmouth. And they are further directed to take up Six hundred Tons of Shipping upon the best terms they can & send them in Company with the Fleet that may sail from Nantasket to Townsend in the County of Lincoln in Order to Transport the Six hundred Men ordered to be detached from that County to Penobscot. And it is further Ordered that Townsend in the Province of Main be & hereby is Assigned as a place of general Rendezvous for the Land & Naval Force destined to Attack the Enemy at Penobscot.

And it is further Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby is directed to provide a Doctor's Box under the Direction of Doct[r] Joseph Gardner for the use of the Troops raised for the Penobscot Expedition.

Council Chamber July 2d 1779.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to furnish Brigr Genl Lovell with two Horses for the purpose of sending two of his Family to the Eastward in Order to forward the Expedition to Penobscot — he to be accountable for the same.

Council Chamber July 2d 1779.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to procure for Brigadier General Lovell such Necessaries as he may think proper to carry on the Expedition to Penobscot he to be accountable for the Expenditure of such Articles as the said Board may deliver in Consequence of this Order.

Council Chamber July 2d 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to take two hundred Barrels of unappropriated Powder at Castle Island & deliver the same to Colo William Burbeck for the purpose of preparing the Ammunition for the intended Expedition & to replace the said Quantity of Powder as soon as may be.

[Seal]

Council Chamber July 2d 1779

Whereas it appears to This Board that it is absolutely necessary to compleat a sufficient Naval Force for the Penobscot Expedition that the Ship General Putnam now in this Harbour should be taken into that Service immediately & the Owners there of being at a distance Therefore Ordered That the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk be & he hereby is impowered & directed to impress the Ship General Putnam

with her Tackle & Appurtenances & deliver her to the Board of War to fit her immediately for a Two Months Cruize, to Sail on an Expedition to Penobscot, to dispossess the Enemy of the United States there & This shall be your sufficient Warrant hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings forthwith.

In the Name & behalf of this Council

Jer Powell Pres^{t}

John Avery D Sec^{y}

Suffolk Ss: July 2^{d} 1779 Agreeable to the above Warrant I have impressed the Ship General Putnam with her Tackle & Appurtenances & delivered the same to the Board of War

Wm Greenleaf Sheriff

Council Chamber July 2^{d} 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to furnish the Commissary appointed for the Penobscot Expedition with One Barrel New England Rum, Eight Yards of Blue Cloth for Coats, Fourteen Yards Linnen for Shirts (White) Twelve Blankets, Two dozen Jack Knives twenty Pounds of Powder, One hundred pounds of Lead, Twenty Weight of Bever Shott, Six Dozen Flint, & Six Bushels Corn for the purpose of supplying a Company of Indians at Penobscot provided that said Indians shall inlist in the Service of this State for the dislodgment of the Enemy near Penobscot River — to be delivered out under the Direction of General Lovell.

Council Chamber July 2^{d} 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to engage the Ship at Hancock's Wharf with Sixteen Six Pounders Robert Adamson Commander upon the

same Conditions as have been offered by the General Court for the Penobscot Expedition.

Warrant to Impress Seamen

[L S] To the Sheriff of the County of —— his under Sheriff or Deputy Greeting

Whereas the General Assembly by their Resolution of the 30th day of June last did empower the Council in case the Vessels designed for the expedition to Penobscot cannot be seasonably manned in the usual way (which now appears to the Council) to issue Press Warrants to such Officers as they shall judge proper for the purpose of procuring men for said Vessels for a term of time not exceeding Two Months. You & each of you are hereby authorized & Commanded taking with you such Assistance as you judge proper, forthwith to take seize & impress any able-bodied Seamen, or Mariner which you shall find in your Precinct (Captains or Masters of any Ships or Vessels excepted) to serve on board any of the Vessels entered into the Service of this State to be employed in the proposed expedition to Penobscot, for, & during the said term of two Months from the date of said Resolution unless sooner duly discharged; & for the more effectual execution of this Warrant, You are hereby Authorized to enter on board & search any Ship or Vessel or to break open & search any Dwelling House or other Building in which you shall suspect any such Seamen or Mariners to be concealed, first demanding Peaceable entrance thereinto of any Person within such Dwelling House or other Building for the purpose of executing this Warrant & it being refused or not given you. And all such able-bodied Seamen or Mariners as you shall find within your District, & shall impress as aforesaid you are to deliver over to . . who

is hereby authorized & directed to retain them in his Custody until they shall be by Order of Council properly Assigned to & among the Vessels aforesaid Given at the Council Chamber under Our Hands & the Seal of the said State at Boston this third day of July A° D^i 1779 And in the Third Year of the Independence of the United States of America

Signed by the Maj^r part of the Council

Jn° Avery D Sec^y

Council Chamber July 3^d 1779

To the Sheriff of the County of Essex his under Sheriff or Deputy Greeting —

Whereas it appears to this Board that it is absolutely necessary to compleat a sufficient Naval Force for the Penobscot Expedition that three ships now in the Harbour of Salem vizt The Ships Hector, Black Prince & Hunter shou'd be taken into that Service immediately. And Whereas the Owners & Commanders thereof have refused to hire the said Ships into the Service of this State, to be employed in the proposed expedition to Penobscot, upon the Terms mentioned in the Resolutions of the General Assembly of this State of the 29th day of June last You & each of you are hereby empowered & Commanded to impress the said Three Ships with their Tackle & Appurtenances & deliver them to the Board of War to fit them immediately for a Two Months Cruize to sail on an Expedition to Penobscot, to dispossess the Enemies of the United States there And this shall be your sufficient Warrant, hereof fail not & make due Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon forthwith. Given at the Council Chamber in Boston this third day of July in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred & Sev-

enty Nine. And in the third Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

In the name & behalf of the Council

Jer. Powell Presid

John Avery D Sec^{y}

Order impower^{d} Saml White Esqr to procure Officers for Ship Genl Putnam

In Council July 3^{d} 1779

Ordered That Samuel White Esqr be & hereby is empowered to procure proper Officers & Men for the Armed Ship General Putnam now lying in the Harbour of Boston & taken into the Service of this State, to be employed upon the Expedition to Penobscot said Officers to be Commissioned by the Council & they & the Seamen are to serve on board said Ship for the Term of Two Months from the 30th of June last, unless sooner duly discharged upon the Terms mentioned in the Resolutions of the General Assembly relative to said Expedition.

Order to B^{d} of War to appraise Ship Genl Putnam & to deliver Stores to Officers

Council Chamber July 3^{d} 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are impowered & directed to appoint some suitable Person or Persons to take an inventory of the stores on board the Ship General Putnam & to Appraise said Vessel & her Appurtenances & such Stores the property of Capt Saltonstall & his Officers to be taken out & delivered to them in Order that the Ship may be put in immediate readiness for Sea.

Council Chamber July 3d 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to procure three hundred & fifty Barrels of Flour, One hundred & Sixteen Barrels of Pork, One hundred & Sixty five Barrels of Beef, Eleven Teirces of Rice, Three hundred & fifty Bushels of Pease, five hundred & fifty two Gallons of Molasses, Two Thousand, One hundred & Seventy Six pound of Soap & Seven hundred & Sixty Eight pound of Candles being a deficient Quantity in the Schedule hereunto annexed & Ship the same on board the Transports for the intended Expedition to Penobscot.

The Schedule refered to in the above Vizt

	Should be		Already Shiped		Short		
Flour	89,600 lbs	448 bbs	6000	90 bbs	358	bbs	NB 6 Tons
Pork	25,600 lbs	116 bbs	0	0	116	bbs	Bread as 60
Beef	80,000 lbs	333 bbs	40,320 lbs	168 bbs	165	bbs	bbs Flour
Rice	22,400 lbs	45 Trs	17,000 lbs	34 Trs	11	Trs	
Pease	350 Bushs	0	0	0	350	Bush	
Molasses	1152 Gs	0	600 Gs		552	Gs	
Soap	2,176 lbs	0	0	0	2,176	lbs	
Candles	768 lbs				768	lbs	
Vinegar							

NB 6 lbs to 100 Men P Week for Guards

The above is calculated for 1600 Men for 8 Weeks

War Office 3 July 1779 This schedule has been laid before us by Mr Lucas the Commissary appointed by your Honors for this Expedition & considerably exceeds the quantity heretofore directed we shall fulfil any Orders your honors give hereon Saml Phips Savage

The Committee of Council appointed to repair to Salem and there use their Endeavors with the Owners of the Armed Vessels at Salem to engage them in the Penobscot Expedi-

tion &c have attended the service & report that immediately upon their Arrival at Salem they sent for Capt Haskell Derby Agent of the Owners of the Ship Hunter, Capt Thos Mason Agents of the Owners of the Ship Hector & Capt Samuel Williams Agents of the Owners of Ship Black Prince who came & confered with your Committee with respect to engaging the Vessels abovementioned in the present Expedition Your Committee endeavoured to impress upon their Minds the Importance of these Vessels being engaged & desired them to use their Influence with the respective Owners of said Vessels for this purpose & desired that they would get them to meet us at Our Lodging the next Morning at Eight o'Clock. They accordingly came at the Time Appointed & after some Conversation upon the Subject, they all agreed their Vessels should engage in the Expedition upon the same terms that those from Newbury Port engaged only desiring they might have a Months Provisions & the loan of two Cables of 11 to 12 inches Your Committee have also engaged the Brigantine Defence of Sixteen Six Pounders belonging to Mess^{r} John & Andrew Cabot & others provided she can be got ready by the Time the Fleet sails which the Owners think can be done by that time or so as to join the Fleet at the place of Rendezvous at the Eastward.

Thomas Cushing p^{r} order

In Council July 5th 1779
Read & Accepted

Jno Avery D Sec^{y}

In Council July 5th 1779

Resolved That the Officers of the Land Forces destined to Penobscot by a Resolve of the Genl Court shall receive the Number of Rations according to the Continental Establishment & not otherwise, & the Commissary is hereby directed to govern himself accordingly & that the said Commissary

deliver the Rum sent by the State to Penobscott to the Troops according as the Commander of the Forces destined there shall Order & direct.

Council Chamber July 6th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they are hereby directed to issue their Orders to Capt Allen Hallet Commander of the Brig Active to Sail in Consort with the Continental Sloop Providence for the Purpose of conveying some of the Provision Vessels to Falmouth in the County of Cumberland

Council Chamber July 6th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to deliver to Mr John Lucas Commissary of Provisions on the Expedition to Penobscot, the Provisions they were directed on the first instant to send to the Towns of Wells & Falmouth for the use of the Troops that may Rendezvous there & the said Commissary is hereby directed to Cause said Provisions to be immediately transmitted to the Towns beforementioned to such Persons as he shall appoint to Receive them for the Use of the Troops aforesaid & the Board of War are further directed to deliver the Ordnance Stores for the Expedition to Penobscot to Mr Gilbert Speakman Commissary of Ordnance, instead of delivering them to Colo Revere the order of the 30th of June last notwithstanding, the said Gilbert Speakman to be accountable for the same.

Council Chamber July 6th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to take up some suitable Vessel for the purpose of

transporting Lieut Col Revere's Train of Artillery & their Baggage to the Eastward upon the Penobscot Expedition.

In Council July 7th 1779

Ordered That some Gentleman be appointed as Second in Command to Brig Genl Lovell upon the Penobscot Expedition & to Rank as a Brigr and that Artemas Ward Esqr be a Committee to consult with Genl Lovell upon the Matter & Report.

On Motion Ordered That the appointment of a Gentleman to be Second in Command to Genl Lovell upon the Penobscot Expedition to Serve as an Engineer & to Rank as a Brigadier be by Ballot & Ordered That Saml Baker Esqr be a Committee to collect, Count & sort the Votes for said Gentleman & report who reported that the Votes were 15 and that Peleg Wadsworth Esqr was unanimously Chosen.

Council Chamber July 7th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to equip the Armed Vessels & other Vessels intended for the Penobscot Expedition & to get them ready for sailing by next Friday Morning upon said Expedition without Fail.

Council Chamber July 7th 1779

Whereas the Council of this State have Ordered the Board of War to equip the Armed Vessels & other Vessels intended for the Penobscot Expedition & to get them ready for sailing without Fail by next friday Morning Therefore Ordered That the Navy Board be & hereby are requested to get the Continental Vessels ready for Sea by the Time aforesaid without fail.

In Council July 7th 1779

Ordered That Brigr General Lovell be and hereby is impowered & directed to appoint some suitable Person as Master of Transports for the Expedition to Penobscot

In Council July 7th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to send the Brig Pallas one of the Vessels destined for the Penobscot Expedition in Consort with the Sloop Providence & Brig Active intended as a Convoy to the Provision Vessels for said Expedition. Capt Johnson Commander of said Brig engaging to Keep Company with those Vessels and to observe the Orders & Signals of Capt Hacker until he shall join the Fleet at the appointed Rendezvous & said Capt Johnson engaging in behalf of the Owners to take upon him the risque of said Vessel & Appurtenances until he shall join the Fleet as aforesaid. And the Board of War are further directed to appoint some suitable Person or Persons to appraise said Brig Pallas & her Appurtenances previous to her sailing as also the other Armed Vessels belonging to Newbury Port & other Ports that are engaged in said Service.

Council Chamber July 8th 1779.

Whereas the Board of War were directed by an Order of the 1st of July instant to take up three hundred Tons of Shipping & send them to the Town of Wells in the County of York in Order to Transport three hundred Men to Penobscot And Whereas great inconveniences may arise in Consequence of that Order — Therefore Ordered that the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to issue their Orders that the said Shipping may be sent to such place or places as will

best expedite the intended Expedition to Penobscot the Order of the 1st inst. notwithstanding so far as it respects sending the Shipping to the Town of Wells as aforesaid.

In Council July 8th 1779

Warrant on the Treasury for Two Thousand Pounds in favor of Honble Walter Spooner Major Samuel White & Daniel Martin or either of them a Committee for Manning the Vessels in the Harbour of Boston agreeable to a Resolve passed 30th June last in part — said Committee to be Accountable for the same. Signed by fifteen of the Council

Council Chamber July 8th 1779

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that the Field Pieces appropriated for the present Expedition are too light for the Service Therefore Ordered that the Board of War be & hereby are directed to apply to Major Barber Continental Commissary of Ordnance for the loan of Two Brass four Pound Field Pieces now compleatly fixed with One hundred Rounds: And they are also directed to deliver to Capt Speakman Commissary of Ordnance for the Penobscot Expedition a Twelve Pounder compleatly fixed in the Room of One of the Nine Pound Cannon which has already been appropriated for the Service above mentioned.

Council Chamber July 8th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to keep three Guard Boats out. One to be Stationed in Pudding Point Gut, one upon the East side of the Castle & the other upon the West side with Orders not to suffer any Boats to pass during the Nights while the Fleet intended for the Penobscot Expedition are in Harbour.

Council Chamber July 8th 1779

Lieut. Colo Paul Revere,

The General Assembly of this State having appointed you to take the Command of the Train of Artillery to be employed in the present Expedition against the Enemy now invading the Eastern Parts of the State You are therefore directed when you shall receive Orders for that purpose from Brigadier General Lovell, to embark with the Troops under your Command on board the Transports provided for the said Expedition, & to pursue such Orders as you may from time to time receive from the said Brigadier Gen[l] Lovell or other of your Superior Officers, during the Continuance of the said Expedition. In the Name & behalf of the Council.

In Council July 9th 1779

Agreeable to the Assignment of this Morning the Board took under Consideration the Appointment of a Surgeon General upon the Penobscot Expedition & thereupon Ordered That Doct. Downer be & he hereby is appointed first Surgeon to said Service & that the Secretary be directed to inform him of his Appointment accordingly.

Warrant on the Treasury for Five Thousand Pounds in favor of Hon[ble] Walter Spooner Esq[r] Caleb Davis Esq[r] & others a Committee for Manning the Vessels in the Harbor of Boston agreeable to a Resolve passed 30th June last in part — said Committee to be Accountable for the same. Signed by fifteen of the Council.

Council Chamber July 9th 1779

Whereas it hath been represented to the Council by the Navy Board that a considerable number of Men are wanted

to Man the Continential Frigate Warren for the expedition to Penobscot & that the Navy Board by their standing instructions are not authorized to enlist any Men to serve on board the Continental Vessels for a Term less than Four Months & that no men can now be obtained for that Term or upon other Condition than that they shall be discharged from said Ship as soon as the said Expedition may be finished. And as it is the Opinion of the Council that such standing Instructions are calculated only for ordinary occasions & cou'd never be intended to be applied to pressing emergencies — Therefore it is recommended to the said Navy Board that on the present important occasion they do immediately proceed to engage the whole number of Men wanted to man the said Ship to serve on board her until, the said Expedition shall be finished, the said Instructions to them notwithstanding And it is the clear Opinion of the Council that is the duty of the said Navy Board so to do, more especially since the General Assembly relying upon the Assistance of said Ship have been at so great an expence to prepare a Naval & land force for said expedition which is now ready to enter upon the same.

In Council July 10th 1779

Ordered That the Secretary draught an Order directing that the Board of War supply Capt Daniel Waters Commander of the Ship General Putnam with such Cabbin Stores, as they usually furnished the Captains of the State Armed Vessels with.

In Council July 11th 1779

Ordered That the Press Warrants ordered the 3d instant be immediately issued for the purpose of Manning the Con-

tinental Frigate Warren & the other Armed Vessels in the Harbour of Boston intended upon the Penobscot Expedition And that the said Impress for Seamen be made in This Town at 5 o'Clock P. M.

Ordered That the Secretary draught an Order directing the Board of War to furnish the Commissary Appointed for the Penobscot Expedition agreeable to the Order of July 2d instt with Donation Blankets

Council Chamber July 10th 1779

To

In pursuance of the Resolutions of the General Assembly of this State you being destined on the present Expedition against the Enemy now invading the Eastern Parts of this State You are therefore directed when you shall receive Orders for that Purpose from Dudley Saltonstall Esqr Commander of the Continental Frigate Warren, to proceed with the Fleet destined on said Expedition & to pursue such Orders as you may from time to time receive from the said Dudley Saltonstall Esqr or other Your Superior Officers during the Continuance of the said Expedition & observe & Obey all such Signals as he may appoint for the better Regulating & Conducting said Fleet. And you are not to leave or seperate from said Fleet unless by Permission or direction of said Dudley Saltonstall or other Your Superior Officers.

Council Chamber July 11th 1779

Ordered That Daniel Waters Captain of the Armed Ship General Putnam now laying in this Harbor be & he hereby is directed immediately to order on board the said Ship all the Officers & Men belonging to her & forthwith proceed down to Nantasket Road & to depart from thence for the

harbour of Marblehead the instant the Wind will admit of it & that he there assist the Civil Officers (if called upon) in impressing Seamen for the Ships engaged upon the Expedition to Penobscot & to receive on board his Ship all such impressed Seamen to be afterwards distributed among the said Ships as there shall be occasion & as soon as possible to rejoin said Ships. These Orders so far as relates to your proceeding to Marblehead or the impressing of Seamen are to be Kept a profound secret until it becomes necessary to communicate such parts of them in Order to their Execution.

Council Chamber July 11th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to issue their Orders to the Commanders of all the State Vessels to order their Officers & Seamen immediately on board their several Vessels in the Harbor of Boston.

Council Chamber July 11th 1779

To William Greenleaf Esqr Sheriff of the County of Suffolk

You are instructed & directed immediately before you enter upon the impress to place sufficient Guards at the several Ferries in the Town & at the other outletts from the Town to prevent any Seamen or Mariners from escaping out of it, till after the proposed impressment of Seamen shall be finished. And you are to place one of your Deputy Sheriffs or some Constable of the Town at each of those Stations and to furnish them with a Press Warrant to the end that if they should meet with any Seamen they may be immediately impressed. You are as far as possible to avoid any abuse or injury being offered to the persons who may be the subjects of Impressment. Similar to the above given to the Sheriff of Essex.

Ordered That Thomas Cushing Esqr draught a Letter to Elias Haskell Derby, informing him that it it is the Expection of the Board that he would acquaint the Owners of the Armed Ships Hunter Hector & Black Prince to get their Ships in readiness immediately and proceed to Nantasket Harbour to join the Fleet.

Ordered That Thomas Cushing Esqr draught a Letter to Col^{o} Orne & Col Lee requesting them to procure not less than Sixty Men for the Ship General Putnam by Inlistment or otherwise by Impress agreeable to a Warrant to be inclosed to them & to forward said Men immediately.

In Council July 12th 1779

Ordered That Artemas Ward Esqr draught a Letter to Brig. Genl Lovell respecting the Indians at Penobscot to supply them with Ammunition & Provision & to employ them in the Service of the Expedition to Penobscot if said Indians should be disposed to enter into said Service.

Council Chamber July 12th 1779

To Capt Daniel Waters of the Ship General Putnam

You are directed to suspend proceeding to Marblehead until further Orders; the Directions given to you yesterday to that purpose notwithstanding.

Council Chamber July 12th 1779

Ordered That Brigadier Genl Lovell be & he hereby is directed to order Lieut Colonel Revere with one hundred of his Train including Officers to embark on board the Transports prepared for the purpose of Transporting him & his Train to Penobscot without a moments delay

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby is directed to supply Capt Waters with Stops for such of the Impressed

Men on board the General Putnam as may stand in absolute need of them he to be accountable for the same & to cause the Costs of such Stops to be deducted out of the Wages of such Men as may be supplied with them.

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War give Directions to the Commanders of the Ships & Vessels in the Service of this State & employed in the Expedition to Penobscot to proceed to Sea immediately upon the Signal being given from the Continental Frigate Warren.

Ordered That Samuel Adams Esqr draught a Letter to the Continental Navy Board requesting them to Order the Commander of the Frigate & other Ships under his Direction to proceed to the place of Rendezvous already agreed on.

Ordered That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for Six hundred Pounds in favor of Brig Genl Lovell to enable him to purchase Necessaries for the Penobscot Expedition — he to be accountable for the same. Warrant drawn & Signed by fifteen of the Council.

In Council July 13th 1779

Whereas Representation has been made to this Board that the Continental Frigate Warren is not mann'd with a suitable number of Seamen This Board taking into Consideration the great importance of this Ship for the intended expedition against the Enemy at Penobscot think it necessary to Authorize the Commander of said Ship & he is hereby Authorized & impowered to take out of the Ships & other Armed Vessels that shall Sail in Company with him so many able Seamen as he shall find indispensably necessary for the good of the Service not exceeding Thirty and to return said Men to the Vessels from which they may be taken, at the expiration of the expedition.

Council Chamber July 13th 1779

Ordered that the Board of War be & hereby are empowered & directed to contract with Erskine for the Armed Ship Sally to be employed in the present Expedition to Penobscot, provided he the said Erskine will engage to have said Ship furnished with a number of Men suitable for a Vessel of such Force in four days from this time & also then ready to Sail & join the Fleet at the place of Rendezvous, or in Case the Fleet should have left that place before her Arrival there, then to join them at Penobscot, & the Board of War are also directed to supply Erskine with two barrels of Powder for the use of said Vessel in Case she should be ready & proceed upon the Expedition at the time beforementioned.

In Council July 14th 1779

Ordered That Thomas Cushing Esqr draught a Letter to Capt Saltonstall giving him Instructions respecting the Armed Vessels upon the intended Expedition to Penobscot after said Expedition shall be at an End.

Ordered That Samuel Adams Esqr draught a Letter to the Honble Navy Board to inform them that the Board of War have given orders to the State Vessels to sail immediately & to request the Navy Board to give similar Orders to the Vessels under their Directions.

In Council July 20th 1779

Ordered That Artemas Ward & Samuel Adams Esqrs be a Committee to draught a Letter to the President of the Honble Congress informing Congress of the Measures taken by this State to dislodge the Enemy at Penobscot & report who reported a draught of a Letter which was read & Accepted & forwarded.

Ordered That Samuel Adams Esqr draught an Order directing the Board of War to fit out a suitable Vessel for a Spy Boat to Watch the Motions of the Enemys Vessels

Southward as also procure a Vessel to obtain Intelligence from Penobscot.

A General Return of General Lovells Detachment of Militia

OFFICERS PRESENT

	Col° McCobb	Col° Mitchell	Major Littlefield	Total
Commission'd				
Colonels	1	1		2
Lt Colonels	1	1		2
Majors	2	2	1	5
Captains	6	8	4	18
1st Lieutenants	4	8	4	16
2nd Lieutenants	4	8	2	14
Staff				
Adjutants	1	1	1	3
Qr Masters	1	1	1	3
Chaplains		1		1
Surgeons		1		1
Surgn Mates		1		1
non-commission'd				
Serjeant Majors	1	1	1	3
Qr Mr Serjt	1	1	1	3
Serjeants	20	32	14	66
Drums & Fifes	5	14	2	21
Effective Rank & File				
present fit for Duty	293	428	152	873
Sick in Barrack	4	1		5
sick in Hospital				
Sick absent	1	1		2
On Command		3		3
On Furlough	10			10
Total	308	433	152	893
Wanting to compleat				
Serjeants	3			3
Drums & Fifes	7	2	6	15
Rank & File	256	119	124	499
Alterations since last Return				
Join'd				
dead				
discharged	1			1
deserted	3			3

1 Lt Col° and 2 Lieutenants not joind —

Jeremiah Hill Adjt General.

Townsend July 20th 1779

To the Honble the Councell of the State of Massachu. Bay

The petition of Elias Hasket Derby Mas^{t} Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner being a Large Owner of the Ship Hunter & although but a few days in from her Cruise was the first to join the Fleet

That your petitioner is likewise owner of the Brig^{t} Fame of Eighteene Guns Saml Hobs Commander,—that I did intend Should have gone with the Fleet, but could not be got ready,— my Request is that s^{d} Capt Hobs may be permitted to Sail — & your petitioner does hereby promice that S^{d} Brig^{t} Shall join the Fleet at Penobscot & there tarry till the Expedition is Over

Elias Hasket Derby

Salem 21 July 1779

Gen. Lovell's Orderly Book

Jeremiah Hill Adjutant General to the Hon'ble Brig: General Lovell for the Penobscott Expedition

Commission'd July 2nd 1779

[On cover of book]

General Orders

Head Quarters (Townsend) July 21st 1779

Parole Countersign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Lt Col Jordan Adjutant Meserve

The Commanding Officers of Transports are directed to fill all their Water Casks and continue to keep their Stock good, also a sufficient Number of men to be detach'd for that purpose; all Officers are requested (for the first time) to be very exact in their weekly as well as other Returns as their first will be a Standard for all Others — all Alterations

will be noted in the Column "Alterations since last Return" they will also keep a true Copy of every Return for their own safety. Commissary M^c^Lelan will direct as much soft Bread baked as possible or convenient for the present. The adj^t^ of the day to attend H^d^ Q^rs^ at orderly Time. The Troops on Board the Transports to be regularly Landed to morrow morning 9 O.Clock to manœuvre and exercise till noon and then to be embark'd again in the same Order. The Com^g^ Officers of Reg^t^ & Comy are directed to examine the State of the Arms of their respective Companies and make a Return immediately to Head Quarters noting the Number "fit for Service, out of Repair, and wanting." The Commanding Officers of Comp^y^ in Col M^c^Cobbs Reg^t^ to make immediate Return of the Names & places of abode of all those Soldiers who are detach'd for this Expedition and not yet join'd

After Orders

The Commanding Officers of the Troops rais'd in the several Counties for the Expedition to Penobscott now rendezvous'd at Townsend are directed to apply at H^d^ Quarters at Six O.Clock to morrow morning for such a Number of Arms and Accutrements as are necessary to compleat their Reg^ts^ also a Return of Ammunition to compleat them to 18 Rounds p^r^ Man, they will at the same Time present a provision Return to compleat their Reg^ts^ with 4 Days provision from to morrow morning which they will dress by four °Clock in the Afternoon if possible, also a Return for Camp Utensels to compleat their men with a Pot & Bowl for every Six Men. The Officers of those Troops already on board the Transports will permit so many of their men to go on shore under the Direction of proper Officers as are necessary for the purpose of cooking, they will take Care not to injure the Inhabitants in any way

The whole of the Troops excepting the Train of Artillery are to parade compleat in Arms & Accutrements to morrow precisely at five OClock in the Afternoon at Wileys Point all ready to embark. They will Omit parading at 9 OClock in the morning any Order to the contrary notwithstanding, the Troops on board are to be landed in season for parading in the Afternoon, and those on Shore will have their Baggage at Wileys Point previous to landing, Col° Davis will have his Transports in readiness for embarking the Troops to morrow afternoon he will also appoint five men to each flat botom'd Boat who will make it their Business to take Care of and to row the Boats in landing and embarking the Troops, and to continue in that Business 'till further Orders. The Officers of each Transport in which there are Axes billhooks & Tomahoks deposited for the Use of the Army will order a small party in each Vessell to mount a Grind Stone and grind them all fit for Use as soon as possible. The Q^r Mr Genl Commis^y of Ordinance and Commis^y of Provisions will hold them selves in readiness to answer the Genl Orders to morrow morning. The Genl expects the utmost exertions of the Officers to equip and compleate their men in the best manner possible and to execute his Orders with the Utmost precition, as it is upon such Exertions that the Success of all military Opperations under God depends.

In Council July 22^d 1779

On the petition of Elias Hasket Derby for a permit for the Brig^t Fame of 18 Guns to proceed to sea & join the Fleet at Penobscot

Ordered, That the Naval Officer for the Port of Salem be & hereby is directed to Clear out the Brig^t Fame, Samuel Hobs commander, in case Elias Hasket Derby shall leave in said Office his Bond payable to the Treasurer of this State in the penal sum of Ten thousand pounds — On Condition

that said Brig^{t} shall proceed immediately to Penobscot unadvoidable casualties excepted and join the Fleet there, under the Command of Dudley Saltonstall Esqr and continue there, under the direction of the commander of said Fleet during the expedition or untill she shall be regularly discharged said Brig^{t} to be at the Risque & expence of the owners

Attest Saml Adams Sec^{y}

Head Quarters (July 22nd 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to Morrow Adj^{t} —— Winn

The several Companies in Col^{o} Mitchells Reg^{t} will take the same place in the Battalion that the Reg^{t} from which they were detach'd would have taken were the several Reg^{ts} of the Brigade drawn up together, the Rank of the Companies has nothing to do with the Rank of the Officers commanding it, since it is the practice of the Militia to post their own particular Companies, should two Companies be order'd on Command and it should happen that the Capt of the youngest Comp^{y} should have the Oldest Commission he would notwithstanding take the Command of the whole, the Place of their Companies when paraded would not be alter'd Col Tyler is directed to take up one Transport in addition to those already engaged together with Six Thousand Planks & Boards for the Use of the present Expedition. Col^{o} Davis is directed to order a Transport to Cambden in order to receive the Troops at that Post under the Command of Lt Col. Howard who is to embark his Troops with all possible Dispatch. All Field Officers to meet at Head Quarters this afternoon at 7 OClock The Troops that are paraded this Afternoon will be divided into Subdivision properly Officer'd

In Council July 23d 1779

Ordered That the Honble Artemas Ward & Samuel Adams Esq^rs be a Committee to draft a Letter to Brig Genl Lovell inclosing Copy of the Deposition of Capt Potberry Prisoner, relative to the Sailing of a British Fleet from England like Ordered that a Copy of said Deposition to be sent the Navy Board E D

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber July 23 1779

Sir

Inclosed you have the Copy of a Deposition taken yesterday before a Committee of the Council. The deponents Character is not Known to the Board

It is the Expression of the Council that you express Intelligence of the Nature & Importance to the best Purpose and that you will push your Operations with all possible Vigor and dispatch and accomplish the business of the Expedition before any reinforcement can get to the Enemy at Penobscot. It is also reported here and belived by many that, a Forty Gun ship and the Delaware Frigate sai^d from Sandy Hook on the Sixteenth Current and Stood to the Eastward; their destination was not known. You will dispatch the packet as soon as may be, the Council being very desirous to know the Situation of the Army under your Command

In the Name and by order of the Board I am your Humble Servant

Brigadeer General Lovell

President

Head Quarters July 23rd 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the Day to morrow Adjutant

The Commis^y Genl of Issues is directed to deliver one Weeks Allowance of Provision for Eighteen Indians & four

Gall of Rum. Upon the Arrival of the Fleet at Penobscot the Order for Disembarkation will be in the following manner, the 1st Division Viz, Col° McCobbs Reg^t will disembark first, the 2nd Division Viz Col° Mitchells Reg^t next & Major Littlefield's last who are to act as a light Corps.

Head Quarters (on board the Transport Sally) July 24th 79

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant — ditto.

Col° Davis on the Arrival of the Transports at the place of Rendezvous will immediately throw out the flat botom'd Boats and man them in order that the Troops may be landed with Dispatch whenever such Orders shall be given

Major Littlefields Detatchment will land First to serve as an advance party & to cover the Flanks of the first Line and are to be commanded by Col° Tyler, Col° Mitchells Reg^t will land next and form immediatly in the same Order in which they were review'd taking care that the Comp^y & Boats are properly arranged previous to landing that the Troops may be less liable to Confusion in forming in Case of Opposition. The first Line will be supported by one Field Piece landing next after them, if the Ground permit, and Col° McCobbs Reg^t landing in the same manner as above mentioned with one Field Piece will form the second Line, he will detatch a small party from each flank for a Cover. The first Line and light Corps to be commanded by Brig Genl Wadsworth. The 2nd Line by Col° McCobb. The rest of the Train will be in readiness for landing more Artillery, or acting as they shall receive Orders. as soon as the Troops are landed the Boats will retire to the Transports, so as to be out of danger from the shore in order to supply the Troops with Water and Ammunition in case of an Action. Col° Davis will

give particular Attention to conducting the Boats and Transports, in the mean Time the Officers will be careful that every man is compleatly equipt in Arms and Ammunition and that they have drink in their Canteens and a Morcel for their Pockets. The Artillery order'd to the first and second Line of the Army will advance as near the Centre of each Line and as close in the rear as the nature of Things will admit. "Lt Col. Revere will order a suitable Number of Officers and men to the Pieces order'd on Shore and see them well supply'd with Ammunition, he will apply to Col^o Davis for a flat botom'd Boat, for Landing the Artillery and Stores, and have them ready at the shortest notice." Major Lithgow is appointed to act as a volunteer Aid de Camp to Genl Lovell and is to be respected and obey'd accordingly. The Adj^t of each Reg^t Detachment or Corps is orderd to attend at H^d Quarters at 8 OClock in the morning and Six in the Evening for Orders. The Genl flatters himself that should there be an Opportunity he will have the utmost exertions of every Officer and Soldier not only to maintain, but to add new Lustre to the Fame of the Massachusetts Militia.

Letter to the Honble Jeremiah Powel.

Camp at Clam Cove July 24th 1779

May it please your Honors

I arived here Wednesday last with an Express to the General from Col^o Allan, but not finding him here Sent an Express back to take the Command of the Indians which is 20 Smart men & wait the Generals arival who is hourly Expected for further Orders

I left Passamaquady about 10 days ago where I have been upon Command with the Indians five Weeks there is now there about 60 warriors the greater part fire for War & wait

only for Orders to march & assist their Brothers the Americans The Enemy coudent incurd their displeasure more than comming on their River or near it to fourtify they have declared to me they would Spil Every drop of their Blood in defence of their Land & Liberty they seem to be more & more Sensible of the diabollical intentions of the Enemy & the Justness of our Cause.

I must Recommend the Indians to your Honours Favour from my Experience with them & at the same time assure you nothing Shall be wanting on my part in cultivating that Good understanding that has so happily subsisted between us Since my acquaintance with them

This moment the Fleet appears in Sight which gives unival Joy to White & Black Soldiers Every one is Antious & desirious for action & I can acquaint your Honours that on my passage here in a burch Canoe the people at Naskeeg & up a long Shore declared they were Ready to assist us in taking up arms to fight for us altho they had taken the Oath of Fidelity to the British party.

Wishing Success to our armes I am may it please your Honours your honours most Obbident Humble Ser^{t}

John Preble

Navy Board July 24th 1779

Gentlemen

Please to Permit Jabez Smith and Robert Ruff, to take Passage in the Vessil going down to Penobscot, their are Two Men belonging to the Brig^{t} Diligent Lieu^{t} Phillip Brown Commander, who were left on shore, the morning she sailed. They are desireous to join the Ship.

we are sir your most Humble serv^{ts}

Wm Vernon for the Board

Honable Board of War

Salem July 24, 1779

Sir,

Capt Knights arrived hear Last Night from Townsend, and Left it the day before, and Says our Fleet was ready to Saile, and was to Saile yesterday morning with out Faile, you will See by the Inclosed Copy from Capt West of Ship Black Prince, all these per this Am^{t} hope they will soon give a good Account of the enemy

I am Sir Y^{r} Most Hum^{ble} Servt George Williams

To Saml P. Savage Esqr

Townsend Harbour 21 July 1779

Sir,

We this Afternoon arrived Safe into Townsend Harbour, in Company with Ten Sail of Armed Ships besides Brigs &^{c} and we Saw at Anchor in the Harbour Ten Sloops Transports with provisions men &^{c} and expect we shall Sail for Penobscott by next day after tomorrow, where the enemy have 700 men who have hove up a battery on Bragaduce-point. Their naval force consists of Four Ships of War & one Schooner besides Transports. They have sent to N. York & Halifax for a Reinforcement of Ships & landforces; this is the Sum of the Intelligence we gett here

To Owners of Ship Black Prince (A True Copy)

Head Quarters (Transport Sally) July 25th 79

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant ——.

The Commissary Genl of Issues is directed to draw off one Barrell of Rum & send it on shore at the Landing of the second Division with one Assistant to deliver it out as he shall receive Orders.

At a Council of War on Board the Warren before Machebiggaduce July 26th 1779.

Present, The Commodore and Captains of the Vessells of War. The General and Field Officers of the Land Forces.

Concluded, That the Marines under the Command of Capt Welsh should land & take Possession of the Island in the entrance of the River; who are to be Covered by Arm'd Vessells: One of which upon the Lodgment of the Marines will Hoist English Colours at Main Top Gallant Mast Head — and in case they want assistance a white Flagg at Ditto — & the attention of the Enemy be diverted at the same Time by a Feint of the Shipping to enter the Harbour — And the first Division of the Land Forces feigning to Land with the Marines; but as Soon as the Marines shall appear to be Lodged on sd Island, they are to fall up the River, and Land the opposite side of the Peninsula. Further Operations are to depend on the Success of the abovementioned Plan.

The Council then Broke up

Witness Gib: Saltonstall Secty

A true Copy of the Original, Examined

pr Gib: Saltonstall

Head Quarters (Transport Sally) July 26th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant ditto.

The Commissary Genl of Issues is directed to deliver provision & Rum to Capt Preble for the Indians as he may see fit to draw also to Colo Davis Agt Transports for the Boatmen. Colo Revere is directed to furnish a sufficient Number of men with proper Officers to manage a four pound field Piece, the Officer will call upon the Commissary of Ordinance for the same with Ammunition

The Commissary of Ordinance is directed to deliver to the

Q^{r} M^{r} of each Reg^{t} such a number of Wormings to draw Balls as will supply each comp^{y} with two. The Commanding Officers of Comp^{y} to be accountable for the same

Head Quarters, Transport Sally July 27th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant ditto

The Genl with particular Satisfaction returns his Thanks to Capt Hacker, Johnson & Edmonds for the spirited assistance they afforded the marines in covering their landing and the Officers & marines who so nobly and with such Alacrety made good their landing yesterday, on the Island and more particular for their forcible charge on the Enemy which occasioned their precipitate retreat and the Acquirement of two Pieces of Cannon likewise to Brig Genl Wadsworth & the Officers and men under his Command for the seasonable Support he gave them

All Officers and Soldiers in the Army are strictly enjoin'd not to give or sell any rum to the Indians, except those who have the immediate command of them, under pain of the greatest displeasure, the different Corps are immediately to hold themselves in readiness at a moments warning, & draw two days provision & have it ready cook'd with all possible dispatch The Officers are desired to pay particular Attention that the men do not waste their Ammunition & that they keep their Arms in good Order, the Volunteers will immediately embody and make a Return to head Quarters without loss of Time

The Genl sincerely laments the loss of so worthy an Officer as Major Littlefield and the two brave men who suffered with him

Tuesday A M July 27 1779

To the Honor[bl] the Commodore & Commander in Chief of the Fleet now laying in this Harbour.

A Petition of the Lieutenants and Masters of the Several armed Vessells now under your Honours command Humbly Sheweth

That we your Petitioners strongly Impress'd with the importance of the Expedition, and earnestly desire to render our Country all the Service in our power — Wou'd Represent to your Honour, that the most spedy Exertions shou'd be used to Accomplish the design we came upon. We think Delays in the present Case are extremely dangerous: as our Enemies are daily Fortifying and Strengthning themselves, & are stimulated so to do being in daily Expectation of a Reinforcement — We dont mean to Advise, or Censure Your past Conduct, But intend only to express our desire of improving the present Opportunity to go Immediately into the Harbour, & Attack the Enemys Ships — however we humbly submit our Sentiments to the better Judgment of those in superior Command. Therefore wait your Orders, Whether in Answer to our Petition or otherways. And as in duty bound will ever pray

Porter 1 Lieut
David Putman Ship Putnam
James Doane Cowly 2[d] d°
William Thomas 3[d]
Sam[l] Trust Master
Roger Haddock Active
George Pilsbery D°
Cleves Bean D°
Roger Keang Sally
Rob[t] Atkinson D°
Benjamin Hill Monmouth
Nehemiah Storey D°

George Little 1 Lieu[t] Hazard
Peter Pollard 2[d] d° Active
James Morris Hazard
Tho[s] Palphrey Hector
John Sellers D°
John Peared D°
John Revell Ship Hunter
Anthony Devens D°
James Bryrne Sky Rockett
George Chapman D°
John Wyley D°

Thos Clouston	Do	Edmund Roberts	Hamden
Saml Carlton	Black Prince	Josiah Stackpole	Do
Willm Brewer	Do	Robert Curtis	Do
		Ebenr T Thayer	Tyranicide
		James Nivins	Do
		Benjamin Slater	Do

At a Council of War held on board the Warren 27th July 1779. Off Baggaduce Harbour

Present — The Commodore, and Captains of Armed Vessells in the Fleet — Genrl Lovell, Wadsworth — Colo Revere, Colo Howard, Colo McCobb, & Colo Mitchel — Also Capt Welsh of the Marines.

After discussing Matters generally — Genrl Lovell Put the Question — Whether the Gentlemen Present shall Severally give their Voices respecting the Mode and Time of Attack? Answd severally in the Affirmative. Question by Colo Revere to General Lovell — What Force can You lead into the Field? — Answer, Eight Hundred and Fifty Men Officers included.

Question by Genrl Lovell to Colo Revere — What Force can you Muster exclusive of Officers? Answer Eighty Men.

The Commodore engages, that the several Ships will furnish Two Hundred twenty seven Marines, Officers included; and Capt Hacker, with the Defence & Pallas will Defend the Island taken Yesterday by the Marines. Question by Genrl Lovell — Gentlemen do you think the Force above Recited sufficient to Attack the Enemy; whose Force is Seven Hundred at the most? Answer'd severally in the Affirmative.

Question by Genrl Lovell — What Place, or Places shall the Landing be made at? The Captains of the Navy think

the Question out of their Province; and therefore leave the Matter to the Officers of the Army, and Capt Welsh.

Who Concluded to Land under Cover of the Ships at the Bluff of the Peninsula in Force, there Form, & Advance.

The Time of Landing to be at 12. °Clock this Night

The Council then broke up

Witness Gib: Saltonstall, Sec^{y}

State of Mass^{a} Bay

Council Chamber July 27th 1779

Ordered that the Board of War be & they are hereby directed to furnish the two Indians of the Penobscott Tribe, now in the Town of Boston with Two Hats one of them laced two Blankets & two Shirts

Attest John Avery Dy Sec^{y}

Head Quarters (Heights on Majabigwaduce) July 28th 79.

Parole Brave C Sign Welch

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant ditto

The Genl heartily thanks the brave Officers and Soldiers for their Exertion this day in attacking and repelling the Enemies of their Country & doubts not they will continue their Endeavors to add new Laurels to the Standard of american Liberty, the Q^{r} Mrs are directed to draw a gill of Rum for each man immediately and the Col^{o} of each Corps are directed to permit every sixth man to cook and no more to leave the Lines, The Genl positively commands that no man be permitted to leave the Lines without a written permission from him Three Picquett Guards to be posted in the front of the Incampment to patrole each way back and forward, each guard to consist of C 1 .. S 2 – S 4 – C 4 – Men 50

A general Return to be made to Head Quarters by to morrow morning 11 OClock.

Letter S. Lovell Br. G^l to Hon. J. Powell

Majorbaggaduce July 28th 1779

Sir The Army under my Command having arrived in Penobscot river on the 25th Instant I the same Evening attempted to make a Lodgment on Majabagaduce but the Wind springing up very strong I was obliged to desist least the first Division might suffer before they could be supported by the Second —

On the 26th I took possession with the Marines, supported by Genl Wadsworth Division of One Island in the Harbour, beat them off, took 4 Peices of Artillery and some Ammunition, the worthy Major Littlefield with two Men were drowned by the sinking a Boat by a chance Shot from the Enemy —

The 27th we erected a Battery on the Island planted two 18 pounders 1 – 12 Pounder & one Howit.

This morning I have made my landing good on the S. W. head of the Peninsula which is one hund^d feet high and almost perpendicular very thickly covered with Brush & trees, the men ascended the Precipice with alacrity and after a very smart conflict we put them to the rout, they left in the Woods a number killed & wounded & we took a few Prisoners our loss is about thirty kill'd & wounded, we are within 100 Rod of the Enemy's main fort on a Commanding peice of Ground, & hope soon to have the Satisfaction of informing you of the Capturing the whole Army, you will please to excuse my not being more particular, as you may Judge my situation.—

Am Sir your most Obed^t Humble Servt

S. Lovell B^r G^l

In Council July 28th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are

directed to furnish Capt Joseph Noyes with two Thousand & fifty two pounds of Flour & three Thousand & Sixteen Pounds of Beef being in lieu of the like Quantity of Flour & Beef delivered at Falmouth for the Troops raised for the Penobscot Expedition as appears by Certificates of the Quarter Master of Colonel Mitchell's Regiment.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to supply John Marsh with three Guns & Bayonets for the use of himself & two Indians of the Penobscot Tribe together with One Pound of Powder each and Ball & Shott in proportion.

Ordered That Richard Devons Esqr Commissary General be & hereby is directed to furnish John Marsh with twelve days Provision each for the use of himself & two Indians of the Penobscot Tribe for the purpose of carrying them to Penobscot.

By Solomon Lovell Esquire Brig^{r} General and commander in chief of the forces of the State of Massa^{ts} Bay &c employed on an Expedition against the army of the King of Great Britain at Penobscot

Whereas it has been represented to Government that an Armament of Land and Sea forces belonging to the King of Great Britain, under the encouragement of divers of the Inhabitants of these parts inimically disposed to the United States of America have made a decant on Penobscott and the parts adjacent, & after propagating various false reports of a genenal insurrection of the Eastern & Northern Indians in their favour a Proclamation has been issued on the 15th of June last signed Francis McLean & Andrew Barclay, said to be in behalf and by authority of said King, promising grants of Land wch he never owned, and which he has now forfeited the Jurisdiction by an avowed breach of that com-

pact between him & his Subjects whereon said jurisdiction was founded, and terrifying by threatenings which his power in this Land is unable to execute, unless his servants have recourse to their wonted methods of midnight Slaughter & savage devastation, all design'd to induce the free Inhabitants of these parts of the State to Submit to their power, and take an Oath of Allegiance to their King whereby they must grossly profane the Name of God, and solemnly entangle themselves in an Obligation to give up their Cattle Provisions & Labour, to the will of every Officer pretending the Authority of said King, and finally to take Arms against their Brethren, whenever call'd upon: and it appears that some persons have been induced out of fear & by the force of compulsion to take said profane oath, who now may be so far imposed on as to think themselves bound to conduct in conformity thereto.

I have therefore thought proper to issue this Proclamation, hereby declaring that the allegiance due to the Ancient Constitution obliges to resist to the last extremity the present system of tyranny in the British Government which has now over set it: — that by this mode of government the People have been reduced to a State of Nature, & it is utterly unlawful to require any obedience to their forfeited authority, & all acts recognizing such authority are sinful in their nature, no oaths promising it can be Lawful, since if any act be sin in itself no oath can make it a Duty. the very taking of such an Oath is a crime of which every act adhering to it is a repetition with aggravation.

In all Cases where oaths are imposed & persons compell'd to Submit to them by threats of immediate destruction which they cannot otherwise avoid, it is manifest that however obligatory they may be on the Conscience of the compellor, whose intent and meaning is thereby so solemnly witness'd, it can have no force on the Compelled whose intent was

known by the compulsion itself to be the very reverse of the words in which it is express'd.

At the same time I do hereby assure the Inhabitants of Penobscot and the Country adjacent, that if they are found to be so lost to all the virtues of good Citizens as to comply with the advice of said pretended proclamation, by becoming the first to desert the cause of Freedom of Virtue & of God, which the whole force of Britain & all its Auxiliaries now find themselves unable to overthrow they must expect to be the first also to experience the just resentment of this injured & betrayed Country, in the condign punishment which their treason deserves, from this punishment their invaders will be very unlike to protect them, now that they are known to be in any other part of America unable to protect themselves, and as this protection which these proclaiming Gentlemen say they have power only to promise can be afforded by nothing but the forces which they command and of these forces by the blessing of God I doubt not in a very short time to be put in possesion, so there is not more ocason to expect it from the Indian Nations around as good part of them are now in my Camp and several hundreds more are on their way speedily to join me, and I have the best Evidences from all the rest that they have stedfastly refused to accept of the Presents, sign the papers, or do the barbarous work assign'd them by our Enemies and on the contrary hold themselves in readiness on the shortest Notice to turn out for the defence of any place which these Men may attack

Therefore as the authority committed to me necessitates my exerting my best endeavours to aid this much abused Country, not only from its foreign but also from its domestic Enemies, I do declare that when by the Blessing of Heaven on the American Arms, we shall have brought the force that has invaded us to the State which they deserve, it shall be my care that the laws of the state be duly executed, upon

such inhabitants thereof as have traitorously abetted or encouraged them in their lawless attempt, and that proper discrimination may be made between them & the faithful and leige Subjects of the United States. I further declare that all persons within the Eastern Country that have taken the oath prescribed by the Enemy, and shall not in forty eight hours after receiving Notice of this Proclamation, repair to my Camp at Majabigwaduce with Such Arms & Accoutrements as they now possess, shall be consider'd as traytors, who have voluntarily combined with the common enemy for the common ruin, but all such as shall appear at Head Quarters within said term & give proper testimony of their determination to continue cordially in allegiance to this and the United States of America, shall be recognized as good and faithful members of the community and treated accordingly anything obnoxious in their taking said Oath Notwithstanding.

Given at Head Quarters on the heights of Majabigwaduce this 29th Day of July A D 1779 in the 4th year of American Independence

By Command of the Genl S Lovell B. Gl

John Marston Secy

Extracts from a Confidential letter from New York Dated July the 29th, 1779.—

"The Romulus, Daphne, & Delaware, did set sail as I advised you, owing I believe to the unexpected account of your taking the Garrison at Stony point — The Le Blond Frigate arrived on Monday last from Penobscot with dispatches in consequence of which (it is said) Sir George Collier with the Raisonable sails to morrow — I cannot learn whither any other Ship goes with him — A number of Transports are Ordered to be ready to take on board Troops said to be the 54th Regt Queens Rangers and Lord Rawdons Corps

and to be commanded by Lord Cornwallis — it is said by some of the Officers that they are intended for Carolina — This is also the general opinion — I believe they are bound to the Southward as I heard a Pilot belonging to Cape Fare, N Carolina say, that he expected to go with them."

Head Quarters July 29th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Lt Col Jordon Adjutant ditto.

The Commanding Officers of Detachments will immediately order a sufficient number of Camp Cullier men to dig Vaults a proper distance from the Encampment, under the direction of the Qr Mr Serjt also see that the Rolls be call'd morning and Evening. the whole Brigade to parade precisely at 2 OC every morning 'till further Orders.

The Oath imposed by General McLean on the Inhabitants of the Eastern part of the State of Massats Bay

Calling the most great and sacred God to the truth of my Intentions, I do most solemnly promise & swear that I will bear true Allegiance and be a faithful subject to his most sacred Majesty George the Third King of Great Britain France and Ireland, and of the Colonies of N. America, Now falsely stiling themselves the United States of America, that as a good faithful subject I will at all times demean myself to the best of my Knowledge that as such I will not give my Countenance or Assistance either by Intelligence, provision or Arms, or in any manner whatever, either by word or Deed to the Rebellion now carrying on in his Majesty's Colonies. That I will give the most early Intelligence in my power to Kings Officers of any movement which a good and faithful

Subject ought not to conceal; That I will never consent to the acknowledgment of the present illegal Authority set up by Persons stiling themselves the Congress of United States of North America, or of any Authority already set up or which may be attempted to be set up, other than that of his most sacred Majesty King George the Third aforesaid. All this I SWEAR in the presence of Almighty God from whose Justice the purjurer must expect the most severe Vengeance and from whom I expect to find help & Favour only as I keep this Oath

The above oath was imposed on the Enemy's first arrival at Penobscot, the second is not yet procured

At a Council of War on board the Warren July 29th 1779. Present. The Commodore & Captains of the several Armed Vessells in the Harbour.

The Business was Open'd by the Commodore by Asking the Gentlemens Opinion upon the propriety of going into the Harbour with the Ships in the present Position of the Enemy — Vizt The Ships of the Enemy in a Line athought the Harbour — Their Citadel upon the Eminence — And their Fort about half way the Declivity — Determin'd in the Negative.

The Question then was put how far the Ships should haul in — Determined to haul in, in two Lines Abreast extendg from the Bluff of Baggaduce to the Island now in our Possession, Nem: Con:

Question — Whether its expedient to take Possession of the Breast Work, that the Enemy were drove from Yesterday Erect a Fort there, or thereabouts; and Play upon their lower Fort — Determind in the Affirmative Unanimously. Question — Shall a Captain or Lieutenant from the

Fleet superintend the Works — Determind that two Captains shall take charge; and relieve each other alternately.

Capt Salter was then Propos'd as the first — Determind in the Affirmative Unanimously.

Capt Thomas was then Propos'd as the Second — Determind in the Affirmative Unanimously.

Question — How many Men shall be sent from each Ship to Aid in erecting the Works — Determind, that Eight Men with an Officer shall be sent.

The Council then broke up

Witness Gib: Saltonstall Sect^{y}

A true Copy of the Original, Examined p^{r} Gib: Saltonstall

Fleet for Penobscot. July 1779.

To the Hon^{l} the Councill

The Board of War would report to your Honors that the three armed Vessells belonging to this State are now ready for sea.

two of the arm^{d} Vessells from Newburyport are now in this Harbour and we suppose it likely that the others are now coming in. apprizers are appointed to value these Vessels, and the contracts will be ready as soon as they can be drawn. every thing requested by the owners of the Salem Ships for their equipment was shipt on board a Coaster who saild yesterday morning and we have the strongest assurances from Capt Williams a principle Owner of these Vessells that they will be ready (upon receiving seasonable notice) to meet the fleet in the Bay

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce July 30th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Adjutant ditto.

The General is much alarm'd at the loose and disorderly

inattentive Behaviour of the Camp since the Arrival of the Troops at this place and is sorry to think that their Honor so lately acquired is already endanger'd by scattering abroad from the Lines to prevent the impending Danger, he positively orders that no non-commission'd Officer or Soldier presume to be more than twenty Rods absent from his Lines on any Pretence whatever without particular Permission from the Commanding Officer of the Detachments to which he belongs. Adjutants are to be very careful that the General Orders be communicated to their men — and as there has been several Complaints to the General that his Orders are not known, he hopes this hint will prevent a repetition of this kind in future all non commission'd Officers and Soldiers are strictly forbid to fire their Guns in such a loose unsoldierlike manner as has been practised of late, for the future no one will attempt it except under the proper Direction of his Officers — As the Success of Arms under God depends principally on good Subordination the General expects that every Officer and Soldier who has the least Spark of honor left will endeavor to have his Orders put in Execution "and that Col° Revere and the Corps under his Command incamp with the Army in future on Shore, in order not only to strengthen the Lines but to manage the Cannon in our several Opperations The Q^r Mrs of every detachment will in future draw allowance for their Detachments every third day precisely at 8 OClock in the morning in order that the Troops may be more regularly serv'd with their provision, all Guards and fatigue parties will in future parade for duty at Seven OClock A. M. Officers and Soldiers are directed to be very attentive to keeping their Arms and Ammunition in the best Order as the Safety of the Camp depends much upon it. The Commanding Officers of Picquits will give such Orders to his Centeries as to prevent all non commission'd Officers and Soldiers from going below them.

Capt Samuel Sayer is appointed to do the Duty of Major in the Room of Major Littlefield deceas'd & Lt Grover of Capt Cutts Comp^{y} is to do duty in Major Sayer's Comp^{y} till further Orders.

War Office 30th July 1779

To Messrs Shubel Hews & Joseph Lovering

You are hereby requested to appraise the Soap that was taken of the Prize Snow Clinton for public use, and make return to this Board as soon as may be.

By order of ye Board John Browne Presid^{t} p temp

Boston July 31th 1779 by Virtue of the within Order We have Aprised the Soap Recid from ye Snow Clinton at 12/ pd

Shubael Hewes Joseph Lovering

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce July 31st 1779.

Parole Washington C Sign Hancock.

Field Officer of the day to morrow Major Larabee

The Commissary Genl of Issues is directed to Issue one Gill of Rum pr Man p^{r} Day 'till further Orders. All Volunteers are requested to form themselves into one Corps and make a Return of their Officers Names and also the Strength of their Corps. Capt Cobb of Col^{o} Mitchells Reg^{t} is appointed an Assistant Engineer and is to be respected and obey'd as such.

Magibigwaduce July 31, 1779

Ordnance Stores wanted at Penobscot for the Musquetry. 50,000 Cartridges of 20, 22, 24 to the Pound ⅔ of which should be 22^{lb} 200 Stand Arms Compleat — 400 Cartridge Boxes

The Quantity of Cartridges already deliver'd exceed one half of which the greater part appear to be expended — and should a Storm take place it would occasion a great waste as the want of Cartridge Boxes is very great — and distructfull to the Ammunition

Gilbert W^{r} Speakman Comm^{y} Ordnance

A General Return of General Lovells Detachment of Militia

OFFICERS PRESENT

	Col° McCobb	Col° Mitchell	Late Major Littlefield	Total
Commission'd				
Colonels	1	1		2
Lt Colonels	1	1		2
Majors	2	2		4
Captains	7	8	4	19
1st Lieutenants	7	8	4	19
2nd Lieutenants	7	8	2	17
Staff				
Adjutants	1	1	1	3
Q^r Masters	1	1	1	3
Chaplains		1		1
Surgeons	1	1		2
Surg^n Mates		1		1
non-commission'd				
Serjeant Majors	1	1		2
Q^r Mr Serj^t	1	1	1	3
Serjeants	28	32	15	75
Drums & Fifes	6	14	2	22
Effective Rank & File present fit for Duty	358	369	120	847
Sick in Barrack	10	26	9	45
Sick in Hospital	7			7
Sick absent				
On Command	20	43	21	84
On Furlough				
Total	395	438	150	983
Wanting to compleat				
Serjeants				
Drums & Fifes				
Rank & File				
Alterations since last Return				
Join'd	59	6	1	66
dead	6		1	7
discharged	3			3
deserted	9	1	1	11

1 Lt Col° 3 1st and 7 2nd Lieut. 1 Surg. 7 Serj^t 1 Drum & Fife and 90 Privates joind inclusive of the Alterations since last Return. 1 Major 1 Capt & 1 Serj^t Major dead. 1 2nd L^t sick absent.

Jeremiah Hill Adj^t General.

Majabigwaduce July 31st 1779

Penobscott July 31st 1779.

Gentlemen —

I embrace the earliest Opportunity to Inform the Honble Board of our Transactions since the Fleet left Boston, and our present Situation.

We arrived safe at Townsend the third Day after leaving Nantaskett — and on the Sunday following Anchor'd before the Forts of the Enemy at Penobscott. The next Day being the 20th — Landed a Small Detachment and took Possession of a small Battery which the Enemy possess'd on the Opposite side of the River, at the Entrance of the Harbour — and thereby Obliged them to remove their Shipping higher up the River — Wednesday 20th the Land Forces in conjunction with the Marines belonging to the Fleet, landed upon the Island on which the Enemy are strongly Fortified — and after an Obstinate Resistance gained an Eminence which commands the Forts of the Enemy; — in which Action the Putnam had 1 Man Killed and 4 Wounded — general Lovell, has Open'd a small Battery, upon the Eminence which he possesses — We are in good Health and high Spirits; — It is intended within 24 Hours to cutt off the Communication between the Enemys Ships and their Works — and likewise to Storm their Forts — One of our Fleet the Diligence Capn Brown, has taken a small Packett Boat * Can learn nothing Material as the Commanding Officer destroyed all the Papers —

From your Obedient Servt

To the Honorable Board of War — Daniel Waters

* The Packet Boat was from Hallifax bound to Penobscott —

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 1st 1779.

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Colo Mitchell

The General returns his sincere and cordial Thanks to the brave Officers and Soldiers both in the Land & Marine Department for their very spirited Behaviour in attacking and carrying the Enemy's Redoubt this morning at the same Time laments the Loss of those brave few who had the Misfortune to suffer in the Attempt Mr Woodbury Storer is appointed a Clerk to the Adjutant General and is to be obey'd and respected as such.

The Commanding Officers of Detachments are directed to make an immediate Return to H^d Q^rs of the kill'd and wounded of last Night, also to examine strictly into the state of the Soldiers Arms and Ammunition, any Cartridges that are a little wet must be carefully dry'd.

Letter S. Lovell, B^r G^l to Hon. J^h Powell, Pres^t of ye Council

Camp on the Heights of Majabagaduce August 1st 1779

Sir My last to you was written in great haste on the 28 Ult^o immediately upon my gaining this Ground; the loss sustained in the Action of that morning could not then be ascertained, but by the returns since made it appears to be fifty killed and wounded, amongst whom the brave Capt Welsh of the Marines & Capt Hinkley of the Lincoln Militia must be mentioned with particular regret we found fifteen of the Enemy dead on the Spot and three Wounded, but notwithstanding the seemingly insuperable difficulty of forcing up a Precipice of not less than 200 feet, some part of which was nearly perpendicular, such was the bravery of the troops that they push'd the Enemy off the Ground, with so great precipitation that we could not overtake more than eight of them who were made prisoners.

I immediately gave orders for throwing up some works on an advantageous piece of ground within point blank shot of

the Enemy's grand fort and also for landing some Artillery & Ordnance Stores and drawing them up to this place, this last was found to be a Work of great difficulty but the Alacrity of the Troops & the very essential assistance of the Marines surmounted every obstacle & soon brought up four six Pounders & one field piece; This circumstance & especially the annoyance they receiv'd from the Battery we had erected on the Island, obliged the Enemy to abandon a Redoubt on the south east point, where we found three Six Pounders double fortified, & at the same time to withdraw all their Ships & transports within a point of Land covered by a battery & out of the reach of our Guns; next day having carefully reconnoitred the ground I made preparations for erecting a battery about Sixty Rods advanced from our lines; this was opened a Fryday afternoon & plays upon the Citidel with two Eighteen pounders, one twelve pounder brass, and one howitzer from which we gave them pretty constant diversion with ball & Shells; Mean time the Commodore having drawn up his heaviest ships close to the Mouth of the River & formed a Line, the Enemy as if from an expectation of an immediate attack from him suddenly abandoned all their Shipping and have sunk most of the transports without the Vessels of War & all have retired to the main fort on the heights having previously conveyed their Cannon &c to the same place which is the only spot they now ocupy save the small redoubt already mentioned with which their ships are yet Covered.— Yesterday arrived here a Packet from Hallifax with dispatches for Gen[l] M[c]Lean she was taken by the Brigg Diligence but the papers had been Sunk previous to her being taken, & the accounts given by the Prisoners are so various that nothing can be depended on, some asserting that 3000 Troops from England had arrived of which 1500 were embarking for Penobscott, together with one large Ship & 3 Frigates, others declaring

that none were yet come in, though a large body was hourly expected and that no vessel of Force there save one Sloop of War, however all the accounts given by Prisoners and deserters of which last not more than four have come out, and of them only one was part of their Military. Yet all agree that the Enemy are in firm expectation of a large reinforcement speedily arriving for their relief; that in consequence thereof they continue day and night at work strengthning their fort and are determined to maintain it to the last extremity — and from all the circumstances that I am able to collect I must conclude that my choice must be between the two parts of this alternative, either to continue a regular Siege with volunteer ships that cannot lie here long inactive; and a body of Militia whose domestic affairs cannot admit of their being long from home; or risk the fate of a Storm; upon the whole, I think it my duty in favour of the service, to request that as speedily as may be the Articles mentioned in the inclosed Schedule may be sent forward to Camp, and should any Ships of force have arrived their being ordered to this place immediately might tend to secure the Fleet already here if any reinforcement be sent to the Enemy — The Militia of the neighbouring Settlements appeared to scruple the expediency of taking arms against the power to which they had generally sworn allegiance, in consequence of which I thought it necessary to issue a Proclamation (a Copy of which is inclosed) this answered the end, and the People are coming in with great chearfulness — but the Majority come without Arms or Ammunition.

Since writing the above a detachment under P. Wadsworth this Morning about two OClock attacked & carried the abovementioned small Redoubt but it being commanded by the Cannon of their main Fort, it was thought proper to abandon it after destroying a small quantity of Provisions there — in this Attack we kill'd & Captur'd about 30 of the

Enemy with the loss of not more than 4 Men missing and about 8 or 10 wounded among the latter is Major Sawyer of the York Militia, supposed Mortally — Our loss in him is much regretted as he was an Active good Officer.

I cannot conclude without adding that I am very happy in assuring you that the greatest harmony prevails among the Troops they have built themselves huts & work on Fatigue day and Night with the greatest alacrity, nor is there less agreement between them & the Marine Department of whom I must in Justice declare that from the highest to the lowest no Men could discover more Spirit & Zeal for the Service; nor any of Equal Numbers afford more ready chearful & effectual Assistance.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect Sir your most Obed^{t} & most humble Servant

S. Lovell B^{r} G^{l}

P. S. I think the Enemy cannot be attacked by Storm with any probability of Success — their works being exceedingly strong and our Troops (tho brave) are yet undisplined.

The following is a Schedule mentioned in the foregoing Letter

Ordnance Stores wanted at Penobscot

400 Rounds Cartridges filled for 6, 18 Pounders
2220 Round Shot for Ditto
180 Cannisters filled with 8 o^{z} Grape Shot or part in the Grapes which came out of the Somerset.
1 Iron 8 Inch Howitzer, 200 shells, part fill'd Fuses &c.
15 Lb Meal'd Powder
400 Cartridges fill'd for 12 Pounders
400 Round Shot for D^{o}
50 Lb Slow Match
10 Quires Cartridge paper.
15 Bb^{s} Powder.

Magabagaduce August 1st 1779

Brigr Gen. Lovell Paul Revere Lt Col. Ay

Ordnance Stores wanted at Penobscot for the Musketry —

50,000 Cartridges of 20, 22, 24 to the pound ⅔ of which should be 22 lb

200 Stand Arms Compleat

400 Cartridge Boxes

The Quantity of Cartridges already deliver'd exceed one half of which the greater part appear to be expended — and should a Storm take place it would occasion a great Waste as the Want of Cartridge Boxes is very great and distrucfull to the ammunition.

Gilbert W. Speakman
Commry of Ordnance

Magabagaduce, August 1, 1779

Provision Stores for the Troops now under my Command wanting 100 bbs of Bread Rum 800 Gallons

S. Lovell

as the Men are obliged to Fatigue Night and Day they must have every Comfort we can possibly afford them.

Letter S. Lovell Br Gl to Hon. Jer. Powell

Magabagaduse August 1st 1779

Sir When I had the Honor to write you of this day I endeavored to give you a detail of the various movements since my arrival at this place I have paid the greatest attention to the situation of both the Army under my Command, and that of the Enemy, and conclude with the advice of the most experienced Officers employed on this Expedition. That with the Troops which now constitute my Army it is not practicable to gain a Conquest by a Storm and not probable without length of time to reduce them by a regular

Siege.— To Effect the First I must request a few regular disciplined troops and Five Hundred hand Grenades If the latter at least four Mortars of Nine Inches or as near to that as your Ordnance will admit with an ample supply of Fire Shells.

The hand grenades in either case ready fixed will be probably serviceable — for every other particular I beg leave to refer you to the Revd Mr Murray who has distinguished himself as the Citizen and the Soldier, who has undergone the fateagues of my Camp & finding it necessary to dispatch a Courier has Voluntarily offered his service.

I have the Honor to be your Honors most

Obed^{t} and very Humble Servt

S. Lovell B^{r} G^{l}

Newark Aug. 1st 1779

My Lord

I have this day conversed with a man from Bergen, who came out of New York yesterday. He informs me there has been a hot Press in the City for Seamen. Sir George Collier with seven Men of War fell down on Friday to Staten Island on board of which were taken two Regiments to serve as Marines. the report in the City was they were going after a Fleet that had sailed from Boston, and they were to Sail this day he saw their Topsails loosed before he left home & supposed they were getting under sail this account in his own words. I have known the man ever since the War began, know him to be honest and believe the account may be relied on —

I am — &c

Major Genl Ld Stirling

Extract of a Letter from Lord Stirling dated 2^{d} August 1779

I had a Letter from Major Lee this Morning in which he says "Sir H. Clinton has decamp'd from Philip's, the army

lays collected near the heights of Harlem, Gen[l] Tryon is return'd several Gen[l] Officers arriv'd with the Earl Cornwallis, The Ships of War have all stood out at Sea, a report prevails in the city that a French Fleet is on the Coast. It gives great consternation " — from Monmouth I was informed Yesterday that a large fleet had been seen on the Coast.

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Aug[t] 2nd 1779

Parole Care C Sign Lookout

Field Officer of the day to morrow L[t] Col Howard.

The Commanding Officers of Reg[t] and Corps are directed to bring in to Head Quarters a general Return of the State of their several Reg[ts] & Corps by to morrow morning 11 OClock and so successively every two days also the Names & Rank of all their Commission'd Officers — the Commanding Officers of Piquets are directed strictly to enjoin it upon their Guards not to let any Person pass by them towards the Enemy unless they have a Pass in writing from the Commander in Chief (except Indians)

The Commanding Officers of Reg[ts] & Corps are to keep a Q[r] Guard in their Reg[t] not only for the Preservation of the Corps but to give timely Notice in Case of an Alarm. Col[o] Davis is directed to assist the Q[r] Masters in getting the Provision on Shore on Allowance days and the Q[r] Masters are also directed to allow onely one Man to go with each of them on board the Transports on the aforesaid days. The Cap[ts] or commanding Officer of Companies are directed to make an immediate Return of the Quantity and Size of Cartridges wanting to compleat each man to 30 Rounds to the Commanding Officers of their respective Corps who will apply immediately to Head Quarters for the Same and see them properly distributed.

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 3rd 1779.

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Lt Col Jordan

All Officers and Soldiers who have any Regard for their Country's Service are once more call'd upon in the most positive manner to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the firing of small Arms which is in the face of General Orders and against every military rule or Order, every noncommission'd Officer or Soldier who is found firing a Gun except under the proper Direction of an Officer, shall be brought immediately to Head Quarters with the Evidence who shall be dealt with as Justice demands, every Officer who shall not endeavor to bring to justice such notorious Offenders shall be immediately arrested and brought to Trial for disobedience of Orders — every non commission'd Officer and Soldier whose Gun of necessity must be clear'd is directed to bring it on the Regimental Parade and there fired under the Direction of an Officer by first drawing the Ball if Possible. All Officers of Companies are directed to assist in turning out their men for Parade, Guards & Fatigue as there appears great Delays in that Part of Duty.

Boston 3^{d} August 1779

Major Genl Gates

Sir The Board of War for the State of Massachusetts Bay do themselves the honor to congratulate you most sincerely on the favorable accounts from France, the particulars of which you will find in the extract from a letter from an eminent House in Nants to this Board which we have now the pleasure to enclose

Reports say that our Forces at Penobscot have, after a most vigorous resistance, obliged the Enemy to surrender

themselves both Naval & Land Force, Prisoners of War, and that this glorious event took place on Saturday last
Could we keep this Letter open a few Hours longer we flatter ourselves it might be in our power to confirm this most interesting Intelligence

We have the honor to be &c

Sam[l] P. Savage Pres[t]

To the Council from the Board of War, Aug[t] 3[d] 1779

To the Hon the Council of the State of Massachusetts Bay. The Board of War would represent to your Honors that by the great expence incurred by the Penobscot expedition they are so drain[d] of Money that they are under the greatest embarrasments in the execution of the Common business of the Office, and are now call[d] upon for the payment of £100000 due to persons for provision sent upon that expedition. The present scarcity of bread in the publick magazines both state & continental is alarming and may be attended with fatal consequences should there be a necessity for calling a considerable body of Melatia into the neighbourhood of this place it is at present entirely out of power to make such payment to individuals as will preserve the honor of government or to establish such magazines as the publick interest seem to require We would therefore request your honors to take this representation into your Wise consideration (and agreeable to powers vested in you by the Act of the General Court for dispersing the Enemy at Penobscot) take some Method to furnish us with money or the publick business will be greatly injured if not totally stopt

Letter Gen. Washington to the President & Council.

Head Quarters West Point August 3[d] 1779

Gentlemen Having received intelligence some time since that the Romulus Daphne and Delaware were preparing to

leave New York on a Cruise (as was reported) for Boston Bay in conversation with General Heath I mentioned to him my Intention to transmit the intelligence I had received to the Council, which I was induced to decline from his having assured me he had already done it — By the enclosed extract of a Letter from a confidential correspondent in New York, The Council will perceive those Vessells were prevented from sailing at the time they intended. But I have Just received a Letter from Lord Stirling stationed in the Jerseys dated yesterday (an extract from which is also inclosed) by which it appears the Ships of War at New York have all put to sea since. I thought it my duty to communicate this Intelligence that the Vessells employed in this expedition to Penobscot may be put upon their Guard, as it is probable enough these Ships may be destined against them and if they should be surprised the consequences would be disagreeable.

I have the honor to be with very great respect & esteem, Gentlemen Your Most Obed^t Servant

G° Washington

Letter Gen. Washington to the Presid^t & Council.

Head Quarters West Point August 4th 1779

Gentlemen I had the Honor to address you Yesterday — and to transmit you some Intelligence from New York. I have since receiv'd a letter to my Lord Stirling from an Officer at Newark of which a copy is inclosed.

I have the Honor to be with the greatest respect & Esteem Gentlemen, Your Most Obed^t Servt

G° Washington

P. S. I have acc^ts through another Channel to the above effect. G W —— n

A General Return of General Lovells Detachment of Militia

OFFICERS PRESENT

	Col° McCobb	Col° Mitchell	Late Major Littlefield	Total
Commission'd				
Colonels	1	1		2
Lt Colonels	1	1		2
Majors	2	2	1	5
Captains	6	8	2	16
1st Lieutenants	7	8	4	19
2nd Lieutenants	7	8	2	17
Staff				
Adjutants	1	1	1	3
Qr Masters	1	1	1	3
Chaplains				
Surgeons	1	1		2
Surgn Mates		1		1
non-commission'd				
Serjeant Majors	1	1	1	3
Qr Mr Serjt	1	1	1	3
Serjeants	28	32	15	75
Drums & Fifes	6	13	1	20
Effective Rank & File				
present fit for Duty	325	328	109	762
Sick in Barrack	33	34	18	85
Sick in Hospital	5	4	4	13
Sick absent	1			1
On Command	25	67	13	105
On Furlough	1			1
Total	390	433	144	967
Wanting to compleat				
Serjeants				
Drums & Fifes				
Rank & File				
Alterations since last Return				
Join'd	11			11
dead	2	1		3
discharged	1			1
deserted	10	6	2	18
Missing	1	2	3	6

I Capt promoted since dead. 1 Serjt promoted to Serjt Major, 2 Privates promoted to Serjt 1 Capt 1 Lt 1 Serjt sick in Barrack. 1 Capt 1 Lt 1 Serjt on Command. 1 Serjt 1 Drumr deserted. 1 Capt dead. 1 d° discharged 1 d° wounded.

Jeremiah Hill Adjt General.

Majabigwaduce Augt 4th 1779

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 4th 1779.

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Major Brown

Capt Newcomb is directed to form a Comp^{y} of Rangers to consist of 1 Capt 1 Serj^{t} 2 Corp^{l} and 10 Privates.

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 5th 79

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Major Pattee.

A general Court martial to set to morrow morning at 8 OClock to try such Prisoners as may be brought before them, Col^{o} Mitchell president Col^{o} McCobbs Reg^{t} to furnish 2 Capt & 3 Subs. Col^{o} Mitchells — 1 Capt 4 Subs. Capt Cousins Corps — 2 Subs.

The Commanding Officers of Reg^{t} & Corps are directed to make an immediate Return to Head Quarters of the Arms, Accoutrements, and Ammunition, wanting to compleat each man for Action.

In Council Augt 5, 1779

Ordered That an Express be immediately taken up for Penobscott and that the Secretary draught an Order directing the Board of War to ascertain the Reports prevailing this day respecting a Number of Ships at the Hook at New York said to be destined for Penobscot & to lay the same before this Board in Order to forward said Information by Express.

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Aug 5th 1779

Ordered — That the Board of War be and they hereby are directed to ascertain the Reports prevailing this Day respecting several Ships of Force at the Hook at N. York

destined to Penobscot & immediately to lay the Facts before this Board.

Attest John Avery, Dy Sec^{y}

I have proceded as far as I Can on the present plan, and find it inafectual for the purpose of disloging or destroying the Shiping I must therefore request an ansure from you wether you will venter your Shiping up the River in order to demolish them or not that I may conduct my Selfe accordingly

Signed S Lovell B G

Augt 5 1779

a true Copy Attest John Marston Sec^{y}

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 6th 79

Parole, all hands, C Sign, Arise.

Field Officer of the day to morrow —

The Q^{r} M^{rs} are directed to attend the Commissary on Allowance days in the following manner. Col^{o} McCobbs Q^{r} M^{r} to attend precisely at 8, O. C. Col^{o} Mitchell's at 10. O. C. Capt Cousen's at 12. O. C. they are also directed to take only two men with them any Neglect or noncomplyance with this Order in future will be taken particular notice of.

Letter S Lovell B^{r} G^{l} to Hon. Jer. Powell

Head Quarters Magabagaduce Augt 6 1779

Sir In my last p^{r} Mr Murray I related the most material facts that happen'd previous to his departure, since which we have been very busy in throwing up works to annoy the Enemy, which has had the desir'd effect; they have abandoned all their out works, and are in possession only of their

main fort which they seem determin'd to hold, they frequently send out small parties and as frequently have been repulsed. I have given Orders Eastward for all the Militia that can be spared from that Quarter to Join me immediately, and shall send the same order to the Westward, and as I doubt not of Success provided the Enemy receives no reinforcement, the probability of which you are as good a Judge of as I am —

By a Letter from Col° Allen of the 29th July I am informed the Blonde Frigate had Sailed for this place with a large number of Cannon but am under no apprehensions of a Reinforcement from that Quarter — Some of the Officers of the Navy seeing the many difficulties we labour under have expressed a desire to leave us, but I am of Opinion that this part of the country is of the greatest consequence not only to this State but to the United States for if we are ever under the disagreeable necessity of abandoning this post, we leave behind our Fishery, all our Lumber and the inhabitants to the insults of an almost Victorious Army therefore I give it as my Opinion that the post ought to be Maintained at every Expence —

Inclosed you have the results of two Councils of War, one held in my Camp and the other on board the Warren.

This is forwarded by Major Bradish who is employ'd as an Express by

Sir Your most Humble Servt

S Lovell Br Gl

In Council Augt 6th 1779

Ordered That Samuel Adams Esqr draught a Letter to Brig Genl Lovell to be forwarded by the Express ordered to be taken up Yesterday for Penobscot — as Also a Letter to Brig. Genl Godfrey.

State

August 6th 1779

To Brigr Genl Cushing

Sir

The Council have thought it necessary & proper to order Express to be forwarded immediately to Genl Lovel, that they may be inform'd of the true Scituation & Circumstances of the Army under his Command. But if you have receivd such direct Intelligence from Penobscot as you have the clearest Reason to depend upon, you are requested to return the Express without Delay with Such Information & the Ground & Circumstances of it to to this Board

President

Sir,

Your Answer of this Morng to the Request I made You Yesterday has been duly considered. The Terms of your Complyance are such as cannot be undertaken by my present force I cannot but regret that You have put the Event on such an Issue; Since I think the Enemy yet might probably be reduced without ever directly Storming their Citadel. We often effect that by degrees which cannot be done at once.

Sign S Lovell B G

a true Copy Attest Jno Marston Secy

Augt 6 [1779]

General Lovel August 6th 1779

Sir

The Council not having received any Intelligence of the State of the Army under your Command since your Departure from Boston, are apprehensive that it must have been unluckily intercepted. They have therefore asked the Dispatch of an Express to you for the Purpose of being informd

from you with the utmost precision of your Scituation & Circumstances The Information to be forwarded to this Board without Delay.

There is no News of the Movements of the Enemy that may be depended upon. You are fully Sensible of the Necesity of compleating the Design of this Expedition with all that Speed as well as prudence & Discretion which characterizes you as an officer vested with so important a Command.

President

At a Council of War holden on board the Warren; Off Baggaduce Harbour August 6th 1779.

Present — The Commodore, and Captains of Armed Vessells in the Fleet.

The Commodore introduc'd the Business by Reading Genrl Lovells Letter of Yesterday — The Court then confering upon the situation of the Enemy, & our Position. The Commodore put the following Question. Whether the Ships shall go up the River, and Destroy the Enemy's Shipping, agreeable to the Genrls Request.

Captn Thomas Nay Captn Hallet Nay Captn Holmes Nay Captn Brown Nay Captn Burke Nay Captn Hacker Yea Captn Salter Nay Captn Carnes Nay Captn Brown Nay Captn Waters Nay Captn Williams Yea Captn Cathcart Yea — Nine Three

Whereupon, it was Determind that if the General will Storm the Citadel, the Ships will go in and destroy their Shipping.

Whether the Ships shall go in upon condition the Genrl takes Possession of the lower Ground and Holds it

Captn Hacker Yea Captn Cathcart Yea Captn Williams Yea Captn Waters Yea Captn Burke Yea — Five

That the Citadel be Storm'd at the Time the Shipping go in

Capt Carnes Yea Capt West Yea Capt Brown Yea Capt Holmes Yea Capt Salter Yea Capt Edmonds Yea Capt Thomas Yea The Commodore Yea — Eight.

The Council then broke up

Witness Gib: Saltonstall Sect^{y}

A Copy of the above was immediately sent to Genr^{l} Lovell requesting an Answer as Soon as possible

A true Copy of the Original, Examined

Pr Gib: Saltonstall

Proceedings of a Council of War held at Head Quarters on the Heights of Magabagaduce — August 6 1779.

Present Genl Lovell President Brig^{r} Wadsworth Col^{o} McCobb Col^{o} Mitchell Col^{o} Brewer Lt Col^{o} Revere Lt Col^{o} Howard Lt Col^{o} Jordon Major Hunter

The Genl introduced the Council by reading the proceedings of a Council of War held on board the Warren by the Commodore & his Captains the results of which was that if the General would Storm the Fort, they would go in & destroy the Shipping.

Whereupon the General desir'd of the Council if the Commodore would attack the Shipping whether it would be expedient to Storm in our present Situation.

The Court unanimously determin'd in the Negative

S. Lovell B^{r} G^{l}

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce August 7th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Col^{o} McCobb.

At a general Court martial held on the Heights of majabig-

waduce the 6th Inst. by Order of the Commander in chief whereof Colo Mitchell was president, Thomas Hart, & Timothy Cotten of the late Capt Hinckley Compy Colo McCobbs Regt try'd for desertion the Prisoners plead guilty the Court after a mature deliberation are of Opinion that they ride a wooden horse 20 Minutes a Musquet to each Foot. The Genl approves the Sentence and orders it put in Execution to morrow morning at Guard mounting.

Proceedings of a Council of War held on board the Brig Hazard off Magabagaduce Augt 7 1779

Present Genl Lovell, Genl Wadsworth, & the field of the Army; Commodore Saltonstall & Capts of the Arm'd Vessels.

The General introduced the Council by informing them that they were call'd together to confer what further measures are proper to be taken towards reducing the Enemy.

The Commodore is of Opinion we either Strike a bold Stroke, by storming the Enemys works, & going in with the Ships, or raise the Siege.

The General thinks he is not in a Situation with his present force to Storm.

The General asks the Commodore whether the men on board are easy in their Situation & whether a sufficient number of them to defend the Ships can be held to carry on any further Operations.

The Commodore answers by reason of repeated desertions among the impress'd Men from on board his Ship makes it improbable.

Capt Holmes says his People are exceedingly dissatisfied, & will not be able to detain them much longer.

Capts Carnes, Brown, West & Edmonds, are of the same opinion.

No difficulty with any others viz. Capts Salter, Waters, Thomas, Williams, Burke, Hacker, Cathcart.

The General thinks if he could take possession of the Land in the rear of the Main work which is now commanded by the enemy's Shipping that four hundred Men can hold the present lines & Seven hundred and fifty operate on the opposite Side.

Colo Revere answers we have not so many Men.

The General says he has reason soon to expect that number.

Capt Burke asks the field Officers opinion whether they can lead their Men in the open field against the Enemy.

Lt Colo Jordon is of opinion he can Colo McCobb, Howard, Mitchell, Revere & Major Hunter, are of Opinion they cannot.

The General asks the field Officers whether they think it would be expedient to take possession of the Land in the rear of the Enemy and divide our army.

Lt Colo Howard is of opinion it would, Colo McCobb, Mitchell, Revere, Jordon, & Major Hunter, it would not.

The Commodore asks the General whether he is able to reduce the Enemy without a reinforcement of Men & Stores.

The General answers he cannot.

Then the General asks the Council whether we continue or discontinue the Siege under the present circumstances.

When the Question was put and determined in the affirmetive for continuing the Siege as follows —

Yeas Colo McCobb Mitchell Lt Colo Howard Jordon Major Hunter Gen1 Wadsworth Gen1 Lovell Capts Salter Waters Cathcart Williams Thomas Hacker

Nays Lt Colo Revere Capt Carnes Holmes West Brown Burke Edmonds Commre Saltonstall

Colo Revere is for discontinuing the Siege for the following reasons.—

1st Gen1 Lovell says that he is not able to reduce the Enemy with what Troops & Stores he has got.

2d That under the present circumstances it is best to take post to the Westward, to hinder the Enemy going any further

3d That Six Captains of Ships, give as their Opinion that they cannot keep their Men but a few days longer.

The Council then broke up

Attest John Marston Secy

In Council August 7th 1779

Accot of James Fosdick for his Expences from Falmouth to Boston to bring a Letter from Genl Lovell amounting to £187.. 10. Read & Allowed & Ordered That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for £287.. 10 (including £100 given him in Consideration of his Dispatch) in full of his Acct Warrant drawn & Signed by fifteen of the Council.

Ordered That the Embargo imposed by the General Assembly in their last session be & it hereby is (in Virtue of the Power & Authority given to the Council by the said Assembly) extended & continued from the 10th day of August current to the 25th day of August instant upon all Private Armed Ships & Vessels only Letters of Marque excepted, which shall or may be actually ladened with Cargoes for merchandize.

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Captains	6	8	2	16
1st Lieutenants	7	8	4	19
2nd Lieutenants	7	8	2	17

	Col° M°Cobb	Col° Mitchell	Late Major Littlefield	Total
Staff				
Adjutants	1	1	1	3
Q^r Masters	1	1	1	3
Chaplains				
Surgeons	1	1		2
Surg^n Mates		1		1
non-commission'd				
Serjeant Majors	1	1	1	3
Q^r Mr Serj^t	1	1	1	3
Serjeants	28	32	15	75
Drums & Fifes	6	13	1	20
Effective Rank & File				
present fit for Duty	313	300	102	715
Sick in Barrack	40	39	20	99
Sick in Hospital	5	2	4	11
Sick absent	1			1
On Command	37	92	17	146
On Furlough	1			1
Total	397	433	143	973
Wanting to compleat				
Serjeants				
Drums & Fifes				
Rank & File				
Alterations since last Return				
Join'd	11			11
dead	1			1
discharged				
deserted	3		1	4
Missing				

1 Major, 1 Capt on Furlough. 1 Capt 2 L^t 2 Serj^t on Command. 1 Capt 2 L^t 4 Serj^t sick present. 1 Serj^t sick in Hospital.

Jeremiah Hill Adj^t General.

Majabigwaduce Augt 7th 1779

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce August 8th 79

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Col° Mitchell

The Field Officers of the day will attend the parade, whenever any Guards are to march off, in order to give them proper Instructions, the adjutants of the Several Reg^ts & Corps will look upon it as a standing Order, to shew the

Genl Orders to their Field Officers, as well as the Orderly Serjeants so that they may be communicated to the Troops in general — Doct^{r} Whipple will visit the several Detachments & Corps and report to the Commander in chief, the Number of Soldiers unfit for Duty. The Commissary is directed to Issue one Gill of Rum to each man in Camp Capt Nathaniel Cousens of the late Major Sayer's Corps is appointed to do the Duty of Major & to take Rank from the first Instant, and is to be obey'd and respected as such.

Council Chamber August 8: 1779

Sir

The Honble Mr Adams will Communicate to you Two Letters this Board have Received from General Lovell by which you will learn the Situation of our Army & Navy at Penobscot & points out the Necessity of his being immediately Reinforced with at least four hundred Continental Troops in order Effectually & Speedily to Subdue the Enemy there. We must therefore earnestly Request Your Aid & Assistance upon this Important Occasion — we need not Enlarge upon this Subject as Mr Adams will give you all the Necessary Information & Can fully point out to you the fatal Consequences that must Ensue if this Expedition to the Eastward should prove abortive for want of a few Continental Troops. We doubt not of your Readiness to do Everything in your Power to promote the Safety and Interest of this State as well as of ye United States in General. We have furnished Mr Adams with an order upon Brigadier Godfrey to furnish you with as many militia men out of his Brigade as you may supply us with upon this Occasion

I am with Respect in the name and behalf of the Council y^{r} most humble Ser^{t}

Genl Gates

State of Massachusetts Bay

In Council Augt 8 1779

Whereas it is represented to this Board that the Men ordered to be raised in the Counties of York Cumberland & Lincoln agreeable to the Resolves of the General Assembly of the 26th & 29th of June last are greatly deficient in number; & it appearing to this Board absolutely necessary that General Lovell should be speedily reinforced with the full complement aforesaid, therefore ordered that the Brigadiers for the said Counties be and hereby are ordered & directed, as they would avoid the fatal consequences of any failure on their part in so important & critical a service, immediately to detach from their respective Brigades the number of Men deficient, & march them to their several places of rendezvous without loss of time, & give seasonable information thereof to General Lovell that he may send Transports for the said Troops.

Attest John Avery D Se^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Augst 8th 1779

Sir,

It appearing by a Representation made by Brig^{r} Genl Lovell at Penobscott that it is of Importance that the Brave Men under his Command should be Reinforced with a Number of Troops well acquainted with Military Discipline & the Art of War, the Council of this State have endeavor'd to effect that purpose — in which they have pleasing prospects of Success by calling upon several Independent & other well disciplined Companies in this & the Neighbouring Towns, to turn out & Join the General in his present Expedition

The Council have therefore directed me to give you this Notice that you might use your most Strenuous Endeavors

to Co-operate wth us in Supplying the Genl wth as many Men of the above description as you can furnish & the Exigencies of the case in question may Require: the Council rest Assured from Your known Zeal & that of your State for the public Cause that every thing in y^{r} power will be done to effect so interesting a purpose

You must be sensible that the whole efficacy depends on the greatest dispatch & Expedition

In the Name & Behalf of the Council

J P. Presd^{t}

Meshech Weare Esqr

Major Bagaduce August 8th 1779

Gent^{m}

Seeing we are Come to this period of time without any Determined Resolution, I think it my Duty to make my Sentiments known, Which the Subsequent lines are my full Oppinion

That we Attack the Enemy and in the following manner, That the Warren Lead the way, the Putnam & Hamden to follow and Anchor Abreast the Enemie's Ships takeing Care at the Same time to be a Sufficient Distance from the Enemies Ships. In Case of an explosion from them, that they may not be Damaged by them (Furthermore) That the Sally, Vengeance Black Prince Hector Monmouth Sky-Rocket, and Hunter, to form a Line against their works on the Hill, and to keep up a Moderate but a Continual Fireing in order to Annoy them, so as to take their Attention from the Warren, Putnam &^{c}. The Battery on the Island at the Same time to keep up a Continual Cannonaiding on the Enemies Works. The Ships to Acquip one Hundred Marins to Land in order to Join three Hundred Malitia To act in Conjunction, to Make an Excursion on their Lately Errected

Battery on the Low ground, In order to Intercept their Seamen & Marines in Case they Should Attempt to Land, with a view of Reinforcing their Grand works, at the Same time for our Capital Fort to keep up a fireing of Cannister & Grape to heave Shels or any Other war Like Combustables they may think Necessary to Confuse & Annoy them whilst we Continue our Attack on the Shipping and Lower works, takeing Care at the Same time that they dont fire from our Foart Any Shot that may Damage our Troops between the Enemies upper and Lower Forts, The General then at our fort to Conduct as he thinks proper with the Remaining Part of his Army, which According to my Calculation will Ammount to Nine hundred men. I Look upon that part of Cuting the Seamen & Marines of from Reinforceing Their Grand Fort to be an Important part or piece of the Buisness, for they Certainly Concist of one third part of their Foarce. The Objection in our Last Council was that were we Possess'd of the Lower Battery we Could not hold it, But that Impediment in my Oppinion is Easily Remedied as in the following manner that our Men goe under the Bank which will be free from the Enemy, and will be Immediately under Cover of our Ships which of Cource they must be in at the place above Appointed or Else the Aforesaid Plan will be Abortive

This Gent^{m} is the Canded oppinion of

your friend and Hum^{l} Servt

Hoysteed Hacker

To The Gent^{m} of the Navy & Army Present.

N. B. I desire you would Call a Council Immediately To Know what Can be Done.

In Council August 8, 1779

Ordered That Thomas Cushing & Samuel Adams Esq^{rs} be a Committee to wait on the Capt of the French Frigate to

know of him whether he should be willing to proceed to Penobscot with his Ship for the purpose of reinforcing the American Fleet — who reported that they had waited upon his Excellency the Chevalier De la Luzerne who informed them that he would speak with the Capt of said Frigate & if possible influence his proceeding to Penobscot

Ordered That Thomas Cushing & Nathan Cushing Esq^{rs} be a Committee to draught a Letter to Salem, Marblehead & Newbury Port to acquaint these Towns that General Lovell has requested a Reinforcement & to desire that they would use their Endeavours to raise Volunteer Companies for that purpose as also Henry Gardner Esqr draft a Letter to the State of New Hampshire & report who reported draughts of Letters which were Accepted & forwarded

Ordered That the Secretary draught an Order directing the Board of War to procure One hundred Barrels of Bread & other Articles for the Troops upon the Expedition to Penobscot.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed immediately to procure One hundred Barrels of Bread, Eight hundred Gallons of Rum two hundred stand of Arms compleat four hundred Cartridge Boxes & fifteen Barrels of Powder for the Troops upon the Expedition to Penobscot.

Ordered That Thomas Cushing Esqr draft a Letter to Major Genl Gates upon the Subject matter of reinforcing the Army at Penobscot with Continental Troops & report — who reported a draft of a Letter which was Read accepted & forwarded.

Whereas General Lovell has signified to this Board the Necessity of being Reinforced with a Number of Well Disciplined Troops in Order effectually & speedily to subdue the Enemy at Penobscot.

Ordered That Samuel Adams Esqr be & hereby is

Appointed to proceed to Providence & Apply to & use his influence with General Gates to furnish four hundred Continental Troops if possible for the purpose before mentioned & that he be furnished with Copies of General Lovell's Letters of the 31st of July & first of August which he is to communicate to General Gates that he may have the necessary Information relative to this interesting Subject, and that Mr Adams be furnished with an Order upon General Godfrey to detach from his Brigade as many Militia Men as General Gates may supply upon this Occasion The Order to be filled by Mr Adams when he knows the Number Genl Gates will furnish & Transmit it immediately to Genl Godfrey.

The Following is the Order above refered to Vizt

In Council Augt 8th 1779

Sir,

You are hereby Ordered to detach from the two Northern Regiments in your Brigade Vizt Colo Carpenters & Colo Dean's Regts hundred Men with proper Officers to Command the same compleatly equipt & accoutred according to the Militia Law & cause the Men so raised to be marched to Providence without loss of Time there to do Duty under Genl Gates or the Officer commanding in that Department for the Space of four Weeks after their Arrival at Head Quarters unless sooner Discharged

Brig Gen Godfrey

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 9th 1779.

Parole, Providence, C Sign Walker.

Field Officer of the day to morrow Lt Col Howard.

Gilbert Richmond first Mate, of the Argo — declares that on the 6th Instant, off Marthas Vineyard — he fell in with eight

sail of Vessels — supposed to be of force — steering S° E^{t} with a view of weathering the S. Shoal of Nantucket — The Commodore carried a poop light. The informant thinks — they were about 40 Miles S° of the West end of the Vineyard

Taken at Head Quarters this 9th of Augt 1779

Jn° Armstrong j^{r} A D Camp

Head Quarters Magabigwaduce Augt 9 1779 Received of Brig^{r} Gen Lovell three pounds eighteen shillings L Mo for the use of the Indians under my Command

Ex^{d} Louis Vincent

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 10th 1779

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Lt Col° Jordan

C Chamb^{r} Boston Augst 10th 1779

Gentlemen

on the 8th Instant the Council adressed you on the Subject of sending a Number of your Troops well Acquainted with Military Movements to the Asistance of Genl Lovell at Pronopscot — but as the Council have Rec'd no Answer they are Apprehensive that some Accidence Must have taken place and prevent the express reaching you

The barer Come on purpose to Know the fate of the Council Application, and to request you wou^{d} imediately return the express with an Exact Acc^{t} of the Number of Troops that we are to expect on this pressing Occation. of this you will not fail

Presd^{t}

The Gen^{t} Selectmen & Com^{d} of Independent & Volunteer Companies in the Towns of Salem & Marblehead

Council Chamber Augt 10 1779

Sir

It is the desire of the Council that you will procure an Express and immediately send him forward either by Land or Water as will be most expeditious to Brigadier General Lovell with the enclosed letter from this Board, wch is to inform the General that a reinforcement is now on their way to him

To the Hono^{ble} Enoch Freeman or Samuel Freeman Esqrs

State of Mass^{tts} Bay

Council Chamber Aug. 10th 1779

Ordered — That the Selectmen, Committees of Correspondence &c in the several Towns within this State thro. which Mr James Brewer who is employed by the Council of this State to go Express to Falmouth be and they hereby are directed to Afford him every Assistance that he shall need in procuring Horses &c in order that he may be forwarded with the greatest Dispatch

Attest John Avery D^{y} Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts

Council Chamber August 10th 1779

Sir

The Council Rec'd your Letter of the 30 Ultimo on Sunday Morning last Have attentively considered the Contents congratulate you on the Successes that have attended you Since your arrival at Penobscot.

The Council have lost no Time in procuring a reinforcement to the Army under your Command and on Application made to Major General Gates for that Purpose they this Moment By Express Rec'd Advice from Providence that the

General Had ordered Coll Jackson Reg^{t} consisting of four hundred men to march to your Assistance and that the Detachment would Be in Town tomorrow. You will rest Assured Sir that no Time will be lost or Exertions Omitted by the Council to forward the Detachment with the greatest Expedition.

The Council thought it of importance that you should have the earliest Notice of this Event And have accordingly forwarded this Letter By Express have only Time to add that the other matters contained in your Letters be duly attended to of which you will have further Advice in our Next

Wishing you Prosperity & Success Am in Behalf of the Council

Your &c.

Letter to Brig^{r} Lovell p^{r} Brewer

In Council Augt 10th 1779

Ordered That Walter Spooner & Moses Gill Esq^{rs} be a Committee to confer with the Navy Board respecting the Orders necessary to be given to the Commanders of the Army & Navy at Penobscot & report.

Council Chamber, Augt 10th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to procure a swift sailing Vessel & fit her for Sea immediately as a Transport for the purpose of Transporting Stores to the Army at Penobscot.

Ordered That Thomas Cushing, Moses Gill & John Pitts Esq^{rs} be a Committee to contract with any Owner or Owners of Private Armed Vessels of War for the purpose of joining the Fleet at Penobscot & report

Ordered That Henry Gardner draught a Letter to Genl Lovell to inform him of the Reinforcement destined to

Penobscot & report, who reported a draft of a Letter which was read & Accepted & forwarded

Ordered That John Pitts Esqr draught a Letter to Enoch Freeman Esqr desiring that he would forward an Express with the above Letter to Genl Lovell from Falmouth to Penobscot with all possible dispatch.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to provide Transports sufficient for the Transportation of Col^{o} Jacksons Reg^{t} to Penobscot consisting of Four hundred Men without loss of time.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to make use of the Cartel as one of the Transports for Col^{o} Jackson's Reg^{t} & Commissary Henderson is hereby directed to deliver her accordingly

At a Council of War held on board the Warren off Magabagaduce Harbour August 10th 1779

Present — The Commodore and Capt^{s} in the Navy — General Lovell – Col^{o} Revere – Col^{o} McCobb – Col^{o} Mitchell – Lt Col^{o} Jordon – Major Brown – Major Larrabe – Major Hunter

The Commodore open'd the Business by observing the Council was call'd in consequence of a Letter from Capt Hacker — A Battery being also begun on the Eastern shore opposite the Shipping — He should put the Question whether to pursue Capt Hackers Plan; or the Plan and Battery in Conjunction — Before the Gentlemens opinion was taken Genl Lovell and his Field Officers came in; Upon which the Question was suspended for them. After some conversation upon the Generals taking possession of the Ground &c The General was desir'd to ask the Officers of the Land Forces their Opinion, whether they could hold the Ground on the Eastward of the Citadel if taken; Upon the Question being put it was determined in the Affirmative.

The Question was then put to the Captains in the Navy whether the Ships should go in, and destroy the Enemy's Shipping. Determ^{d} in the Affirmative Unanimously.

The Council then Rose

Witness Gib: Saltonstall Sec^{y}

Letter Saml Adams to Hon. Jere^{h} Powell, Pres^{t} &c.

Providence Augt 10th 1779

Sir I have the Pleasure to acquaint the Honble the Council Board that I arriv'd here last Evening, and upon communicating their request to Major General Gates, I found him ready, as usual to afford every Assistance in his Power for the Service of the Great Cause, he has order'd Col^{o} Jackson with a Detachment from his Regiment consisting of four hundred Men to Join General Lovel at Penobscot.

This Core, I have reason to believe, both Officers and Privates, will do honour to themselves & their Country when an opportunity shall present, I had the Satisfaction of seeing them on their March this Mornning at Sun rise, and the Council may expect them in the Neighborhood of Boston to Morrow Evening, In the mean time I hope that Transports and every Accomodation will be prepared for them that their passage to the place of their destination may not be delayed.

I shall immediately forward to Brig^{r} Genl Godfrey the order of the Honble Board, for the Detaching four hundred Militia to serve in Providence in the Room of these Troops, and remain with all due Regard

Sir your most Obed^{t} Hum^{ble} Servt Saml Adams

Council Chamber August 11th 1779

Ordered That the Commanding Officer at the Castle be & hereby is directed to deliver Col William Burbeck One hun-

dred Eighteen Pound Case shott, Sixty Eight Grape Shott Eighteen Pounders for the use of the Troops upon the Penobscot Expedition.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to apply to the Continental Commissary of Provisions for the loan of one Months Rations for four hundred Men under the Command of Col° Jackson destined to Penobscot And it is hereby recommended to said Commissary to lend the same accordingly — said Provisions to be replaced as soon as possible.

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Augt 11th 1779.

Parole C Sign

Field Officer of the day to morrow Maj^r Brown

The Q^r M^rs of each Reg^t & Corps are directed to draw immediately half a Gill of Molasses p^r Man agreeable to their returns.

August 11th 1779

We yesterday Sent you an account by express that Genl Gates had ordered Col° Henry Jackson's Reg^t consisting of between 300 or 400 men to reinforce you they are expected in Town to morrow noon, and may probably Sail from hence on Friday or Saturday as they will go with small convoy we Shall direct them to keep in Shore, which will somewhat retard their progress, but we judge it nevertheless a prudent course for their greater Safety. We have just now received a Letter from Genl Washington enclos^g a copy of a Letter from an Officer at Newark to Lord Sterling which was forwarded to Genl Washington, Copies of which you have enclosed We forward them to you from hence by Land to Falmouth and from thence both by Land and Water, for the

greater Security, and that you may as Soon as possible be acquainted with their Contents and direct your movements accordingly The Council believe the Ships and Troops mentioned in the enclosed papers are really intended to reinforce your enemy We wou'd advise you & the Naval Commander, if tis thought any way practicable, to collect as great a force as possible from the fleet and make an attack upon the enimy's Strong hold without delay whether the destruction or capture of their ships Shou'd be first attempted you will consider and determine. If neither can be attempted with any probability of Success We advise you to reimbark and retreate as quick as possible to Some more Secure post where you may cover the eastern Country from the ravages of the Enemy. Shou'd they attempt to ravage it — perhaps Townsend may be a proper post. You will give us the earliest intelligence of your movements & wait our further Orders. Your Situation is very critical. Something must be hazarded and Speedily too. Delay may operate to your destruction. You are not to delay your operations in expectation of any assistance from Col° Jackson's Regiment but to take your measures with your present Force. Tis probable the Council will direct Col° Jackson's Regim^t to touch in at Townsend & there learn your State and condition before he proceeds to join you

12 °Clock at Night

J P. Pred^t

Letter to Brig^r Genl Solo Lovell p^r James Perkins Express

State of Mass^tts

Council Chamber Aug. 11, 1779

Ordered that the Selectmen or Committees of Correspondence &c in the several Towns thro which Mr James Perkins may pass who is going Express to Falmouth are hereby Ordered and directed to afford him every assistance in their

Power in furnishing him with Horses &c in Order that he may be forwarded with the greatest Dispatch

Attest John Avery D^y Sec^y

Letter Henry Jackson to Hon. Jere. Powell

Walpool Augt 11 1779
19 Miles from Boston

Sir I take this opportunity to inform your Honor that I am on the March with my Regiment for Boston (by order of Maj Genl Gates) and there to receive further directions from the Honorable the Council,— the Roads being very bad & — an exceeding hot day & my Men much beat out, I shall halt at Dedham to Night.

Your Honor may expect me in Boston to morrow noon at fartherst, but if the Honble Council should think it necessary for greater dispatch, my Reg^t shall move on, so as to arrive by day light.

I am with great respect & Esteem your Honors
most Obed^t & Humble Servant

Henry Jackson

Letter John Gerry to Hon. Jer^h Powell, Pres^dt &c.

Marblehead August 11th 1779

May it please your honor

In compliance with a requisition of the Honble Council of the 8th Instant; purporting the necessity of a Reinforcement being immediately forwarded to Genl Lovell; Upon the receipt thereof the same was taken into Consideration and Acted upon.

And on the first View did not know but we should be Able to Effect the purpose designed, but on examination found that we had so many Men already on the Expedition, & being

destitute of Independent or Volunteer Companies & what few men there are in town chiefly consisting of Seamen obliges me to inform your Honor that it is not in our power to render any further assistance than what is already Engaged — We should be happy in having a further share in this enterprize of Subduing our Enemies in that Quarter, but as from these Circumstances we have it not, hope we shall be excused But we beg leave to Assure your Honor that when ever it is, hope we shall not be wanting in exerting our selves to the utmost of our abilities to serve our Country —

Would further inform your Honor that there is a Brigantine of 16 Guns fully mann'd and ready for Sea, that is in the harbour if the Honble Board should have Occasion for her; we have no Doubt but that we can obtain her.

We are with Esteem Your Honors most Obedient Humble Servants

in behalf of the Select men & Comm^ee^ of Correspondence Inspection & Safety —

John Gerry

Council Chamber Augt 11th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to cause the Brig Rising Empire to be put into the best Posture of defence, that the time will admit of between this and her Sailing as a Transport for Penobscot.

Ordered That Col^o^ William Burbeck be & hereby is directed to procure a ten inch Mortar with the Necessary apparatus & Ship the same with the other Stores for Penobscot.

Ordered That the Board of War be and hereby are directed to furnish Doct^r^ Brown Surgeon General to Major General Gates who is going upon the Penobscot Expedition

with a set of Capital Surgeons Instruments, said Brown to return the same at the expiration of said Expedition.

In Consequence of a Letter from his Excellency General Washington dated the 4th instt inclosing a Letter from Genl Lord Sterling giving Information of Eight Men of War sailing from New York for Penobscot. The Council were called together.

Ordered That the Navy Board be desired to attend Council — then The Council took under Consideration the Information from his Excellency General Washington. And after debating upon the subject matter thereof — Ordered That Francis Dana Esqr be a Committee to draft a Letter to General Lovell informing him of the Intelligence received & to give him Instructions respecting the Matter & report who reported a Draught of a Letter which was unanimously Accepted & Ordered that the Secretary send the same by Express immediately.

Letter Saml Adams to Hon. Jerh Powell, Presdt of Council, &c.

Providence 11 Aug. 1779

Sir General Gates writes to the Council by this Express. Colo Jackson's Regiment will have arriv'd at Boston before this Letter reaches you I presume they will sail under the strongest convoy that can be made up. should they meet with Superior force of the Enemy at Sea, I conceive it ought to be a point Settled & indispensible that the Commanders of the Armed Vessells run the utmost Risque to give the Troops the Opportunity of making their Escape. I wrote yesterday to B. Genl Godfrey & this Morning receiv'd his Answer with Assurance of Punctual Obedience to the Orders of Council.

with Sentiments of Esteem & Respect I am Your most Humble Servt

Saml Adams

Letter Genl Horatio Gates to Hon. Jere^h Powell

Providence 11 Aug 1779

Sir Before this Letter reaches Boston Col^o Jackson with his Regiment will be arrived there. Upon the pressing Application of your Honourable Council, I Order'd that Regiment to March to the Succour of Our Friends at Penobscot; but should circumstances prevent your sending them immediately by sea thither, Or the want of a proper Convoy, make such a Measure in the highest degree imprudent; I desire you will in that Case Order Col^o Jackson to march his Regiment directly back to Providence. There are 130 Sail of the Enemys Vessells now in Huntington Bay Long Island, and a large Fleet are preparing for an Expedition at New York; Good Regiments may therefore be very soon in the utmost request in this Quarter.

I am Sir Your most Obed^t Humble Servant

Horatio Gates

Proceedings of a Council of War held at Head Quarters Magabagaduce Augt 11 1779 —

Genl Lovell President Members Brig^r Wadsworth Col^o McCobb Col^o Mitchell Lt Col^o Revere Lt Col^o Howard Major Hunter Major Larrabee

The Question being put upon this days Experience of Men whether we can with our present force hold a post in the rear of the Enemys Fort & the present lines at the same time.

It was unanimously determined that we cannot for the following reasons —

1st Our force not sufficient to take possession of the Ground.

2^d Our numbers not able to do the Duty after taken for one week.

3d The great want of Discipline & Subordination many of the Officers being so exceeding slack in their Duty, the Soldiers so averse to the Service & the wood in which we are encamped so very thick that on an alarm or any special occasion nearly one fourth part of the Army are skulked out of the way and conceal'd

The Council then broke up

Attest John Marston Secy

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce August 12th 1779.

Parole Glover, C Sign, Shepherd.

Field Officer of the day to morrow Major Hunter.

Capt Sullivan's and Capt Fales' Companies of new Levies are directed to join Colo McCobbs Regt and do duty accordingly 'till further Orders. A General Return to be made immediately to Head Quarters of the true State of the whole Army. one Sub. 2 Serjt 2 Corpl & Sixteen men to mount a Guard near the Isthmus leading to the Main. Colo Davis is directed to see that all the Boats is taken from the shore and made fast along side of the Vessells every night. All Officers are strictly enjoin'd to see that their musquet Cartridges are not damaged by the Wet, the Qr Mr Genl is directed to collect all the loose Balls and other Ordinance Stores and lodge them in some proper safe and convenient Place.

My Soldiers, By the blessing of Providence we have arrived to this Height, toward the Reduction of the Enemy, we have faced them with every resolution, and have forced them from Sundry Posts: for which good Behaviour I heartily congratulate you. we have now a Portion of our Enterprise to compleat, in which if we are successful, and I am confident we must be, being superior in numbers and having that Liberal Characteristic "Sons of Liberty and of Virtue" I again repeat, we must ride triumphant over the rough dia-

bolical Torrent of Slavery, and the Monsters sent to rivet its Chains. The Aged and the Youth only recollect the Brave Interprises of those Predicession, which has handed down to us at this day incoherent and natural Enjoyments. Let us consider every thing valuable is depending. Our Characters in the face of the whole World, must by our Conduct in this Enterprise either rise or fall, we shall either be receiv'd with applause or despised, and justly too, the latter should we behave unsoldierlike. An Army stimulated by Principal, and I hope by every motive that is requisite to constitute the Generous and the brave, must, nay we cannot but each follow, support, and stand by your Officers in every Attempt: Is there a man able to bear Arms in this Camp? that would hide his Face in the day of Battle; Is there an American of this Character? is there a man so destitute of Honor? The Law in that Case has made it death, to every Man possessing the Virtue of a Citizen, or true Courage of a Soldier, if such are worthy the Advantage of such natural Rights, as this boundless Part of the Globe has bless'd us with; Therefore my Officers and Soldiers, let me require of you every Exertion, let every one submit to his Superior, then we shall have regularity, let each man stand by his Officer, and each Officer animated, press forward to the Object in view, then shall we daunt the vaunting Enemy, who wishes to intimidate us by a little Parade, then shall we strike Terror to the Pride of Britain, we shall then return crown'd with Laurels, each being able to relate to his Children hereafter, when the Reverence of Old Age has spread a milky hue on the Locks of each by the Fatigues of War, and other Cares: I say then may we relate our Enterprises, our Attacks, and Conquests, and with pleasing Sympathy observe the listening Hearers attentive to our Victory, and their Minds glowing with the Benevolence, and Respect such heroic Actions entitle us to, we shall be noted through the World for our Conduct, we

shall act like men, enjoy the pleasing Reflection ourselves, we shall have the Applause of all our Brethren, dauntless then let us face this invading Party, strike a Blow worthy of our Selves, and let after Ages say pointing to the Heights of Majabigwaduce, there landed the American Troops, forced the Enemy from their out Posts, secured good Lines and openly attacked the hostile Bands of Georges Troops, there did they stand like men inspired, there did they fight, and fighting some few fell, the rest still victorious, firm, inflexible still fighting conquer'd.

Navy Board Eastern department

Boston August 12, 1779

Sir

Major Bradish this morning arrived with dispatches from General Lovell to the Honble Council

We don't find that he has brought any for us The Council however have obliged us with a Communication of General Lovells Letter & the papers Inclosed Among which We find the result of a Council of War on board the Warren August 1779 —

We have for Some time been at a loss to know why the Enemys Ships have not been Attacked nor does the result of this Council give us any Satisfaction on that head It is Agreed on all hands that they are at all times in your power if therefore your own Security or the more Advantageous opperations of the Army did not require it why should any business be delayed to another day that may as well be done this

Our Apprehensions of your danger have ever been from a Reinforcement to the Enemy. You can't expect to remain much longer without one, whatever therefore is to be done should be done immediately both to prevent Advantages to

the Enemy & delays if you are obliged to retire. As we presume you would avoid having these Ships in your Rear while a Reinforcement Appears in front or the Necessity of leaving them behind when you Retired your self. With these Sentiments We think it our duty to direct you to Attack & take or destroy them without delay in doing which no time is to be lost as a Reinforcem^{t} are probably on their passage at this time It is therefore our orders that as soon as you receive this you take the Most Effectual Measures for the Capture or destruction of the Enemies Ships & with the greatest dispatch the nature & Situation of things will Admit of —

We are Your Friends & Servants

[Copia] W Vernon J Warren

In Council Augt 12th 1779

Ordered That a Convoy be procured to the Transports with Troops on board & Stores destined to Penobscot & that the Committee have it in charge that were appointed the 10th ins^{t} to procure two Armed Vessels for the purpose of convoying said Transports to Townsend upon the best Terms they are able.

Boston Augt 12 1779.

Sir

This Morning your letter of the 6 Int by Maj Bradish was laid before the Council with the Inclosures — which we have Communicated to the Navy Board — in Consequence of Which the Navy Board have by this Opportunity sent positive Instructions to Capt Saltonstall, a Copy of Which are here inclosed by this you will clearly see the Opinion & order of the Navy Board in which opinion the Council are in Sentiment.

Genl Lovell J P P

A General Return of General Lovells Detachment of Militia

OFFICERS PRESENT

	Col° M°Cobb	Col° Mitchell	Late Major Littlefield	Col° Bucks Corps	Capt Thomas' Comp^y	Total
Commission'd						
Colonels	1	1		1		3
Lt Colonels	1	1				2
Majors	2	2	1			5
Captains	8	8	1	2	1	20
1st Lieutenants	9	8	4	2	1	24
2nd Lieutenants	9	8	2	1	1	21
Staff						
Adjutants	1	1	1			3
Q^r Masters	1	1	1			3
Chaplains						
Surgeons	1	1				2
Surg^n Mates	1	1				2
non-commission'd						
Serjeant Majors	1	1	1			3
Q^r Mr Serj^t	1	1	1			3
Serjeants	35	32	15	6	4	92
Drums & Fifes	6	13	1			20
Effective Rank & File						
present fit for Duty	390	307	108	50	68	923
Sick in Barrack	43	42	15	4	3	107
Sick in Hospital	9	3	6			18
Sick absent	1			2		3
On Command	38	79	14	6	7	144
On Furlough	4	1		3		8
Total	485	432	143	65	78	1203
Wanting to compleat						
Serjeants						
Drums & Fifes						
Rank & File						
Alterations since last Return						
Join'd	8					8
dead						
discharged	4	1				5
deserted	2					2
Missing						

N B. 2 Companies join'd Col° M°Cobb since last Return 1 Major on Furlough, 2 Capt 4 Lieu^t 4 Serj^t sick in Barrack. 2 Serj^t sick in Hospital

Jeremiah Hill Adj^t General.

Majabigwaduce Augt 12th 1779

At a Council of War holden on board the Warren off Magabagaduce Augt 12 1779 —

Present the Commodore — President Members Capt Hacker Waters Williams Cathcart Thomas Holmes Capt Carnes West Brown Edmonds Burke Salter Lt Story commanding Officer of the Monmouth.

The Commodore open'd the business by informing the Council he had rec'd the Determination of a Council of War holden last Night by the Officers of the Army: and that Genl Lovell waited on him accompanied by Col^{o} Revere this Morning requesting a Council of the Navy might be called in consequence of their Determination in Council last Evening.

The Commodore then put the Question, Whether under our present Circumstances there is a propriety in the Ships going in —

Determined in the Negative — Agreed that a Committee be chose to wait on the General to know what further Measures he means to pursue; the Committee chosen were Capt Thomas, Capt Williams Capt Holmes, Capt Hacker

The Council then Rose

Witness Gib. Saltonstall Sec^{y}

Council Chamber Augt 12th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed & impowered to agree with Samuel Page Agent for the Owners of the Private Ship the Renown & Capt Robert Adamson Commander of said Ship Safely to Conduct & Convoy the Transports employed to carry the Troops and Artillery Stores destined to the Army under Genl Lovell to Townsend & if required to Penobscot he said Agent & Adamson entering into Bonds that said Vessel shall faithfully perform said Service in Consideration of which Service the

Board of War may engage in behalf of this Government that said Ship & Crew shall proceed from thence upon their Cruise against our Enemies The Embargo upon Armed Vessels notwithstanding & this shall be the only Consideration allowed by this State to the said Agent & Captain for the said Service.

Ordered That the Secretary draught an Order directing the Commissary Gen[l] to deliver sundry Articles for the use of Five Men employed by Council to go in an Express Boat to Penobscot.

Letter from Gen[l] Lovell dated the 6th ins[t] Read & Ordered That Moses Gill Esq[r] draught a Letter in Answer to the same to inform him that the Board concur in Sentiment with the Instructions the Navy Board have given to Capt Saltonstall & report who reported a draft of a Letter which was Read & Accepted.

Ordered That the Committee appointed the 10th ins[t] to procure Armed Vessels for a Convoy to the Transports engage with M[r] Page upon the best Terms they are able to insure the Vessel if they shall not be able to procure her otherwise.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to deliver M[r] James Avery one Lanthorn one Box Compass & Six Oars for the use of the Express Boat intended for Penobscot — as also to furnish M[r] Avery with a Gun & Bayonet & one Pound of Powder & Ball sufficient — he to Replace the same upon his Return back.

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to deliver John Lucas Commissary for the Penobscot Expedition Sixteen Thousand, five hundred & Seventy six Pounds of Rice calculated for Sixteen hundred Men for two Months in lieu of two hundred & fifty nine Bushels of Peas that were deficient in the Board of War's supplies to the Penobscot Expedition & the said Commissary is further

directed to furnish the Soldiers employed upon this Expedition with their back Rations in said Rice which they have a right to demand agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court.

Whereas the Government are in Want of some Armed Vessels to Convoy the Troops under Col° Henry Jackson to Penobscot Therefore for the Encouragement of the Owners of the Ship Mars to engage that Vessel in this Service Ordered That all Seamen & Landsmen that will engage to enter on board the Ship Mars to go on a Cruize agreeable to the Articles which may be seen at the Rendezvous, shall have Liberty to proceed on her Cruize The Embargo notwithstanding on Condition that they will Convoy the Troops under the Command of Col° Henry Jackson as far as Penobscot & after seeing them safe Landed they shall not be under any Restrictions of the Commanding Officer there.

Ordered That John Pitts Esqr draught an Order directing the Board of War to execute a Contract with the Agent & Owners of the Ship Renown for said Vessel to proceed as Convoy for Col Jackson's Reg^t to Penobscot agreeable to their Proposals.

Ordered That the Commissary General be & hereby is directed to deliver Lieut James Avery Six Quintals of Rum, Twenty five lbs of Pork, Twenty five lbs of Beef, half hundred of Bread, fourteen lbs of Rice four Pounds of Sugar for the use of five Men employed by Council to go in an Express Boat to Penobscot — Also three Pounds of Candles, one Lanthorn, One box Compass One Wood Ax, One Tin Kettle & two Oars.

Council Chamber Augt 12th 1779

Lieut James Avery

You being now employed by Council to carry an Express to General Lovell at Penobscot Our Orders to you are this

you deliver this Packet with your own hands & that upon your so delivering said Packet, that you obtain from Gen[l] Lovell a Certificate of the day & hour, on which he received it with the particular Papers inclosed. You will put said Packet in a small bag with a stone of 3 or 4 Pound Weight that in Case you shall be taken by the Enemy it may be sunk directly — which you will be Careful to do & by no means omit, but not to be sunk 'till the last extremity.

Head Quarters Majabigwaduce Aug[t] 13th 1779

Parole Steady, C Sign Firmness

Field Officer of the day to morrow

I Jeremiah Hill made Oath that the foregoing is a Copy of General Orders taken from the Adjutants book, which he believes to be a Copy of the substance of the orders contain'd in the Original Book of the Adjutant Generals which was lost in the retreat

Attest O. Peabody Cler

Sir

Capt: Hallet of the Active is now with me, he informs, that there is Seven square rig'd Vessells off — Five of which he is sure are Ships, and that Four of said Ships are Men of War as he Supposes — Upon the information I sent you by Col[o] Davis just now and the above.

You'l please to make your movements. If you mean to order the Transports up the River, I think they ought to be under way — as soon as possible

Your Hum[l] Servant

D. Saltonstall

Warren Aug[t] 13th 1779 9 O'Clock

A True Copy Attest Will[m] Todd Maj[r] Brigade

Sir

The Council have just received your letter and are obliged to the Committee for their exertions to effect the desires of the Board in their Letter of the 8th instant

Your information respecting a Brigantine of 16 Guns being fully mann'd & ready for Sea, in your Harbour, & if the Board should have occasion for her, you have no doubt she can be obtain'd, induce the Board to request the Committee to apply for her immediately, & if you can obtain her, to make return to the Board by this express. The same terms will be allowed her as are to other Vessels, & are as follows.

To convoy the Troops to Penobscot free of any expence to Goverment, (Unless lost or damaged while in their service, wch shall be made good to the owners) and be under the orders of the Commanding Officer there untill discharged, when she may proceed on her cruise; or if the Owners will not consent to her remaining there after she has performed the convoy, she shall be permitted to proceed as aforesaid.

The Owners by applying to the Board of War they will execute the contract on the part of Goverment

I am &c

Jno Gerry Esqr & the Comtee of Correspondence &c for the Town of Marblehead

To Messrs Mungo Mackay & John Tileston Merchts

Gentlemen — You are requested to Appraise Six 3 pound Cannon & Two 4 pound Cannon with their Apparatus as they may be Shown you & make return to us as Soon as may be

War Office 13 Augt 1779

John Browne for the Board of War Isaac Phillips agent for Brigs Pallas & Active

Four Pound Cannon to be at Seven Hundred Pound &c three Pound Cannon to be at Six Hundred Pound a Pair

Mungo Mackay Jn° Tileston

Council Chamber Augt 13th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to permit John Lucas Esqr Commissary to the Penobscot Troops to take Passage on board the Row Galley Ingraham Master bound to Penobscot.

Whereas it has been represented to this Board that Col° Sears Messrs Paschal N Smith, Leonard Jarvis & Mr Brown have offered the Loan of four Six Pounders & four three Pounders for the Brig Rising Empire Transport bound to Penobscot. Therefore Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to borrow of Col Sears & the Gentlemen mentioned above four six Pounders & four three Pounders with their Apparatus for the said Brig Rising Empire & to issue their Orders to Col° Burbeck to prepare a Sufficient Quantity of Cartridge & Shott for the said Cannon & to return the said Cannon upon Return of said Transport.

Account of David Braddish Esqr for his Expences, Horse hire, time &c for himself & Six Men to Falmouth & for himself to Boston to bring Letters from Genl Lovell Read & Allowed & Ordered That a Warrant be drawn on the Treasury for Two hundred & Ninety Seven pounds four shillings in full of his said Account — Warrant drawn & Signed by fifteen of the Council.

Proceedings of a Council of War held at Head Quarters Magabagaduce Augt 13 1779

Gen Lovell President Genl Wadsworth and the field offi-

cers of the Army — Commodore Saltonstall & Captains of the Navy.

The Question was asked by Capt Williams whether any thing further is to be done towards reducing the Enemy. It was unanimously determined in the affirmative.

The Question was asked the Officers of the Army by the Genl whether we reconsider our former proceedings, of taking possession of the ground in the rear of the Enemy's Fort.

It was determined in the affirmative.

The General asked the Land Officers whether we go round and take possession of the Ground in the rear of the Enemy's Fort.

It was determined in the Negative.

The General after debate asked the Council whether in our present circumstances it would be advisable to evacuate this post immediately. Determined as follows —

For Evacuating — Com^{e} Saltonstall Col^{o} McCobb Col^{o} Revere Capt^{s} Holmes West Edmonds Burke Thomas Carnes Brown. For Tarrying — Gen^{ls} Lovell Wadsworth Col^{o} Mitchell Lt Col^{o} Jordon Lt Col^{o} Howard Major^{s} Hunter Brown Larabee Cap^{s} Hacker of the fleet Cathcart Storer Willliams Waters Salter

The Council rose

Attest John Marston Sec^{y}

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Augt 14th 1779

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to call upon & receive of Col. Burbeck The following Articles of Artillery which he was directed to prepare some days since & Cause them to be Shipped on board such Vessels, either Transports or Armed Vessels now bound to Townsend, as they Shall judge Shall be most consistent with Safety &

Convenience & direct them to be delivered to the Commissary of Artillery or his Order & such Articles as Col° Burbeck has not prepared or procured the Board of War are directed to procure & Ship as aforesaid without Delay — Viz

For 6 18 pounders 2220 Shott 180 Cannisters for 18 pounders 400 Cartridges filled for 6 18 pounders 400 Rounds D° for 12 pounders 400 Round Shott do 1 Iron Howitz 8 Inch 200 8 inch Shells part filled 50lb Slow Match ½ Rheam Paper 50,000 Musquet Cartridges 500 Hand Grenades fixed 4 Nine Inch Mortars.

And if they find upon Examination that it is necessary to take up an additional Transport for the purpose aforesaid they are hereby impowered & directed to do it True Copy

Attest John Avery D Sey

Letter to Brigadier General Lovell.

State of Massachusetts Bay —

Council Chamber Boston Augt 14th 1779

Sr

The Council have now to acquaint you that Col° Jackson's Regt will at all events embark this Day, & the Transports will sail without Delay. This Regt we trust under God, will be a sufficient Reinforcement to you, & from the ardor of your Troops, as well as from your own Bravery, Activity, Prudence & Zeal for the great Cause, we have reason to expect speedily to hear that the Designs of the Enemy at Penobscot are defeated & their Army captivated.

In the name & behalf of the Council I am sr your very humlservt Jere Powell

Prest

P S. Upon the reception of this Letter you will immediately send your Orders to Townsend where the Transports are to stop unless Col° Jackson shall meet your Directions at Sea

You will inform the Commissary of Artillery that the Articles in his department go with the Troops to Townsend where he will send his Orders for their being forwarded to Camp.

Jer Powell

As soon as this reinforcement shall arrive you must without fail give Orders to the Cap^{ts} of the Ship Renown & Brig^{t} Terrible who convoy the Fleet, immediately to return to the port of Boston for the further service of Government.
The Council have added this last paragraph since Major Braddish sat off with a similar one to this for Falmouth

Jere Powell

Boston Augt 14th 1779

Sir

Major Armstrong Aid de Camp to Major General Gates, & Doctor Brown one of ye principal Surgeons in ye America army embark in this Fleet as Volunteers to Your Camp. The Characters of the Gentlemen and their aready [hearty] disposition to serve the common Cause, induce the Council to wish your attention to them that they may be so employed as to be honorary to them & usefull to the service.
Brig^{r} Genl Lovell

War Office 14th August 1779

Capt: Joseph Ingraham

You are to proceed under Convoy of the Ship Renown, Robert Adamson Commander & Brig: Terrible Conway Commander to Townsend & Penobscott and deliver the Articles you have on board to John Lucas Esqr Commissary of Provisions. Then wait upon Generall Lovell & Com^{re} Sal-

tonstall, for their Letters & Dispatches with which you are to return Direct to this Place.

We are your Friends &c By order of the Board

John Browne, P. P. T.

I acknowledge the foregoing to be a true Copy of my orders rec^d from the Board of War & promise to govern myself accordingly.

Jo^s Ingraham

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber August 14th 1779

To the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk his Deputy or Under Sheriff Greeting

You are hereby ordered & directed to repair immediately on board a Ship lately arrived Here from Carolina commanded by Capt Newell & their impress all the Eighteen pound Shott you can find on board said Ship for Public Service which you will deliver to the Order of the Board of War having the Same appraised by proper judges which appraised Value will be allowed by the said Board of War. In Case you Shou'd find any Obstruction in Executing this Order you are directed to apply to Col. Henry Jackson for a Sufficient Aid to enable you to Execute the Same And this shall be your Sufficient Warrant whereof fail not & make Return of your doing thereon.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston this 14th day of August A D° 1779 And in the fourth Year of the Independency of the United States of America

John Avery D Se^y Jer: Powell Presid^t

Boston Augt 14: 1779 by Virtue of the within Precept I impressed Sixty Six Eighteen Pound Shot from the Ship Columba Capt Newell Master for the Board of War

Shubael Hewes Dp^ty Shff

War Office August 14th 1779

Capt. Sam'l Harris —

You are to proceed under Convoy of the Ship Renown Robert Adamson Commander & Brig: Terrible John Conway Commander to Townsend & Penobscot and deliver the articles you have on board to Gilbert Warner Speakman Esqr Comy of Military Stores or his order after which you are to wait upon Joshua Davis Esqr Agent of Transports for further Orders.

We are your friends &c By order of the Board.

John Browne P. P. T.

P. S. Should you not meet with or receive any orders from Colo Davis, you may deliver your lading to the order of the Commanding Officer — take his discharge & return to this place.

I acknowledge the foregoing to be a true Copy of my orders received from the Board of War & promise to govern myself accordingly.

Saml Harris

State of Massachusetts Bay

War Office 14th August 1779

To the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, his Deputy or either of the Constables of the Town of Boston, Greeting

You are hereby required and directed in the Name of the Government & People of this State to repair immediately to the Store or Stores belonging to Mr John Webb and there Impress all the Eighteen pound Shott you can find under his care for the use of ye Expedition to Penobscott, and deliver the same to the further order of this Board, after having them appraised by proper judges of the same, which appraisement will be allowed by the Board, — hereof fail not.

Given under my hand & Seal the day & Year above mentioned Sam Phips Savage, Prest

Boston Augt 14: 1779 by Virtue of the within Precept I Impressed one Hundred & Thirty five Eighteen Pound Shot in the Store of Mr John Webb for the Board of War

Shubael Hewes Dpty Shff

War Office 14th August 1779.

Dear General

That two Expresses should come direct from you without the favor of a line, I must confess, occasions me much chagrin, however, when I reflect on the important avocations that must engross your whole time & attention, my mind excuses the seeming breach of friendship & accepts an apology by anticipation.

Such glorious beginnings Augur the most happy event and I will flatter myself that my next may congratulate you on the reduction & Capture of the Enemy's whole force by Sea & Land.

I have so many official calls that I have not time to enlarge, only to assure you that your friends here are all well, and that I am with unfeigned regard My dear Sir

Your affectionate friend & very humble Servant

John Browne

P. S. For news I beg to refer you to all the papers, the last of which I have the pleasure again to Send you

Genl Lovell

State of Massachusetts Bay

Council Chamber Augst 14th 1779

Sir,

The Council now inform You that Transports are Ready in the Harbor of Boston to receive the Regiment under your

Command & to proceed to Penobscot they are to Stop at Townsend where Brig^{r} General Lovell is directed to send You his Orders; but if you shoud meet his Orders at Sea the Transports will either put into Townsend or otherwise dispose of themselves as the General shall direct. The Council have great Reliance on your Command and pray God to crown You with Laurels.

In the Name & behalf of the Council I am Sir

Your most Hum^{ble} Servt

J P President

Col^{o} Henry Jackson

At a Council of War held on board the Warren off Machebiggaduce Harbour August 14, 1779.

Present—The Commodore, President, Capt Waters Capt Thomas Capt Holmes, Capt Williams Capt Cathcart Capt Carnes Capt West, Capt Brown Capt Hallet Capt Burke

Question was put — Whether the Fleet shall go out, and Engage the Enemy.

Determined in the Negative Unanimously.

Question — Whether the Fleet shall proceed up Penobscot River.

Determined in the Affirmative Unanimously.

The Council then Rose

Witness Gib: Saltonstall Sec^{y}

A true copy of the Original, Examined

pr Gib: Saltonstall

In Council Augt 14th 1779

Ordered That Walter Spooner, Samuel Adams & Nathan Cushing Esq^{rs} be a Committee to prepare the Necessary Papers & Instructions for Col Jackson & Genl Lovell & report — who reported a draught of a Letter to be forwarded

by Major Braddish to Gen[l] Lovell as also Instructions to Col. Jackson.

Ordered That the Board of War be & hereby are directed to procure a Spy Boat or other proper Vessel to proceed to Penobscot with Instructions from Council to Gen[l] Lovell.

Instructions to M[r] Solomon Hewes Commander of the Spy Boat.

1. You are to take the Direction of Capt. Adamson Commander of the Convoy with Regard to the time of your sailing from this Port.

2[d] The time of the Transports sailing you will be seasonably informed of by the said Commander of the Convoy.

3[d] You will take your Course for Townsend keeping within Shore in the Course of which the Fleet shall sail. If you discover the Enemy in force you are to give Notice to the Fleet without delay by Signals which may be given you by the Commander to whom you are to apply for the same before your departure from hence.

4th If you do not meet with the Enemy before you arrive off Townsend you will immediately without going into the Harbor proceed for Penobscot by the safest Rout & with the Utmost Expedition.

5th On your Arrival at Penobscot you will immediately apply to General Lovell & deliver your dispatches to him & take such Orders as he shall give You.

In the Name & behalf of the Council

J P Presid[t]

Council Chamber Aug[t] 14th 1779

Capt Laha

Sir, The Council having Appointed You to Superintend & take Care of the Transports employed to Convoy Col[o] Jacksons Regiment to Penobscot & the Board of War having Wooded & Watered & furnished said Transports with Pro-

visions sufficient for the Voyage, You will carefully attend to this Business & follow such Orders as you may receive from General Lovell or Col° Jackson with respect to the Landing said Troops or relative to the disposition of said Transports. And as soon as you may join the Fleet now at Penobscot you will follow such Directions as you may receive from Joshua Davis Agent of Transports in the Fleet. You will apply to the Commanding Officer of the Fleet for proper Signals & directions with respect to your proceedure during this Voyage & strictly observe the same & render an Account of your Conduct to this Board.

Ordered That the Secretary draught an Order directing the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk his Deputy &c to impress a Quantity of Shott on board the Ship lately arrived from Carolina Commanded by Capt. Newell — said Board paying for the same at an Appraised Value.

Council Chamber Augt 14th 1779

To Capt Robert Adamson Commander of the Ship Renown & other Armed Vessels & Transports bound from this Port to Penobscot

You will proceed from this place with the Transports & other Vessels under your Command as soon as the Troops are embarked & ready to depart.

You will seasonably give orders to the spy boat appointed by Council to proceed a short time [before] the sailing of your Fleet to the end that if she shou'd meet with the Enemy you may receive earlier intelligence of their approach than you otherwise wou'd obtain. You will furnish the Master of the Spy Boat with proper Signals. He is to take the same course as your fleet but not to continue in sight of it but make the best of his Way for Penobscot there to deliver to Genl Lovell his dispatches & to take his Orders.

You will shape your Course from this Port for Townsend keeping the Transports as near in shore as may be done with convenience & safety. Your own & the other Convoy you will keep without them, so as to give them the earliest intelligence of the approach of an Enemy, & to afford them the best Protection & Opportunity to secure themselves. When you arrive off Townsend you will either conduct your Fleet into that Harbour, or proceed in the same Cautious manner for Penobscot, as Col° Jackson shall direct.

If you should put into Townsend you will be careful to keep the whole fleet & Convoy together untill it shall be known when they are to proceed from thence to Penobscot. You will receive Orders touching this matter from Col° Jackson.

You will be carefull to give proper Orders to the Commanders & Masters of the several Vessels under your Command & to furnish each of them with proper Signals.

When you have safely Convoyed the Fleet to Penobscot you may proceed upon your Cruize any Orders from General Lovell or the Commanding Officer of the Fleet at Penobscot to the contrary notwithstanding.

In the Name & behalf of the Council

Jer: Powell Presid^t

Ordered That the Board of War be & they hereby are directed to deliver Col Henry Jackson Thirty Eight Fire Arms with Bayonets & thirty Eight Thousand Musket Cartridges with Balls Eighteen p^r Pound for the Use of his Reg^t he to be accountable for the same.

Council Chamber Augt 15th 1779

Whereas the Public Service requires that a Number of Oars be procured immediately. Therefore Ordered That the Board of War be & they are hereby authorized & impowered

immediately to impress (if they cannot be procured otherways) a sufficient number of Oars for the Transports intended for Penobscot wherever they can be found having the same Appraised & to allow the Appraised Value.

Ordered That the Fleet bound for Penobscot be & they are hereby directed immediately to fall down into the lower Harbour or Nantasket Road.

Capt Robt Adamson Com of the Fleet.

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